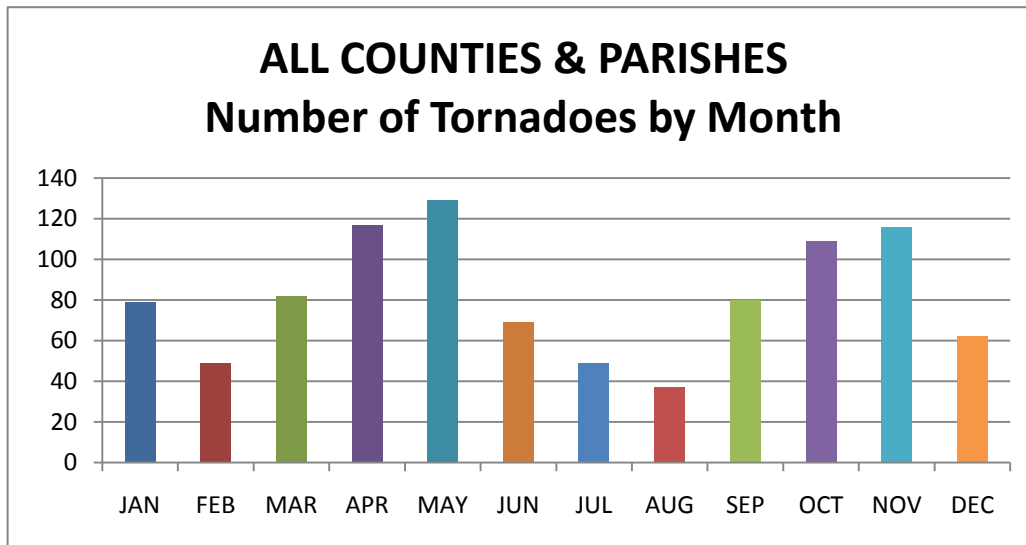


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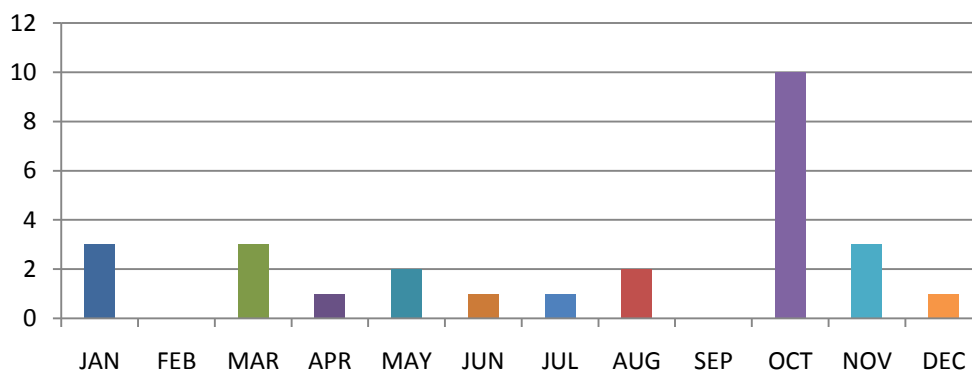
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## Hardin County Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
03/27/2009	1612	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 N Votaw
10/16/2006	0600	F0	0	10	0	0	\$5,000	1 ESE Fletcher
04/29/2006	0955	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	4 SSW Kountze - 3 SSW Kountze
11/23/2004	1627	F2	3	600	1	0	\$500,000	12 NE Kountze - 14 NE Kountze
11/23/2004	1608	F1	16	200	0	0	\$1,100,000	Honey Island - 12 NE Kountze
10/28/2002	2258	F1	2	10	0	0	\$100,000	4 SW Lumberton - 2 SW Lumberton
10/12/2001	1440	F0	1	10	0	0	\$2,000	Lumberton
10/12/2001	1400	F0	2	10	0	0	\$0	6 SE Sour Lake - 7 ESE Sour Lake
10/11/2001	0930	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	7 S Saratoga - 6 S Saratoga
05/10/1999	0655	F0	2	50	0	0	\$50,000	1 E Silsbee - 3 NE Silsbee
10/18/1998	0820	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	Sour Lake
01/18/1995	1045	F0	0	50	0	0	\$2,500	Lumberton
11/05/1994	0645	F2	2	700	0	1	\$2,500	1.5 NNW Sour Lake - 3 NNE Sour Lake
08/30/1994	1133	F0	0	100	0	0	\$0	5 NE Silsbee
10/22/1979	0515	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	3 NE Lumberton
08/28/1978	1520	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	3.5 SE Village Mills
01/10/1975	0430	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Kountze
10/28/1974	1420	F2	1	50	0	0	\$250,000	5 SE Silsbee
10/28/1974	1320	F2	1	50	0	0	\$250,000	5 SSE Lumberton
12/19/1973	0925	F1	0.25	40	0	0	\$25,000	2 S Kountze
07/25/1973	1425	F1	1	15	0	0	\$0	5 N Silsbee
06/12/1973	1535	F0	0	10	0	0	\$250	E Lumberton
10/23/1970	1600	F1	0	67	0	0	\$1,250	Silsbee
01/10/1970	2130	F2	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	2 N Sour Lake
05/30/1967	1800	F2	3	100	0	0	\$25,000	1 N Silsbee - 3 NE Silsbee
03/20/1967	1000	F0	0	50	0	0	\$2,500	5 N Silsbee
03/19/1964	0400	F2	s1	20	0	0	\$2,500	2 S Sour Lake - 2 SSE Sour Lake
				TOTALS	1	1	\$2,403,500	27
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes

## HARDIN COUNTY Number of Tornadoes by Month



**January 18, 1995**

A tornado destroyed a car wash and took the roof off a recreational vehicle parked behind a shopping center. It knocked down several trees along Highway 96. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**November 5, 1994**

A tornado touched down 1.5 miles NNW of Sour Lake and moved toward the northeast for 2 miles, crossing State Highway 326 in the process. It tracked across open fields and the only damage was to trees and fencing along the path. The tornado path averaged around 50 yards wide, increasing to nearly 0.5 miles wide at one point. The tornado was viewed by several hunters, one of whom was slightly injured when she was blown out of her stand as it passed nearby. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**August 30, 1994**

*No information available. (NWS Storm Data)*

**October 22, 1979**

The same storm that earlier had produced a tornado in Beaumont continued north-northwest and briefly skimmed ground level near Lumberton, where it downed numerous trees, broke power lines, and caused roof damages. It did not directly hit any buildings. The funnel lifted and continued north-northwest. It was spotted 30 to 45 minutes later moving aloft near Silsbee. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**August 28, 1978**

The small twister spun out of an area of thunderstorms associated with Tropical Storm Debra. It briefly touched down 3.5 miles southeast of Village Mills or about 2 miles east of US Highway 69 on Farm Road 420. Utility lines and one mobile home near the twister were damaged. The parent thunderstorm moved westward without further incidents. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**January 10, 1975**

Tornado touched down briefly in Kountze, damaging a lumber shed and other buildings. Numerous power lines and trees down, with windows broken. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**October 28, 1974**

At 2:20 PM a thunderstorm produced a tornado 5 miles southeast of Silsbee. The tornado damaged several roofs and downed trees, and destroyed two trailer houses. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**October 28, 1974**

At 1:20 PM a tornado touched down briefly at Lumberton. Primary damaged was to trailer homes, garages, and storage buildings, as well as numerous power lines and trees downed. Heavy rains contributed to damage on unroofed homes. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**December 19, 1973**

Tornado touched ground very briefly two miles south of Kountze on Highway 69 and moved northeast about 35 mph for less than 1/4 mile. One house received heavy damage, a barn and out buildings were demolished, trees were uprooted. No injuries occurred. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**July 25, 1973**

The tornado moved through a wooded area 5 miles north of Silsbee. Trees were twisted and uprooted with some blocking the old Spurger Highway, but no property damage occurred. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**June 12, 1973**

The tornado touched down briefly near the town of Lumberton. Very minor damage occurred to property, with some large trees twisted and broken. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 23, 1970**

A small tornado touched down in the southern part of the Caraway Motor Company lot overturning a house trailer parked there, ripping tin from the roof of an outbuilding, tearing two signs from Val Hickman's real estate office across the street and slamming them into a parked Toyota on the lot. Total damage was estimated at \$1250. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 10, 1970**

A small tornado demolished a 60-foot section of five horse stalls on the R Bar F Quarterhorse farm on Highway 105 near Sour Lake. Structures 100 feet away were undamaged. The funnel was accompanied by a roaring noise, heard by Mrs. Forsythe, wife of the farm owner. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 30, 1967**

A tornado demolished the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Ward, about one mile north of Silsbee on Farm Road 92, and ripped the roof and porch from the Clyde Hare home on Brittonville Road, about one-half mile northeast of the Ward residence. Several other homes in the area were damaged. A section of a tree farm owned by the Kirby Lumber Company was heavily damaged. Trees, power and telephone poles were damaged in the area north of Silsbee. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 20, 1967**

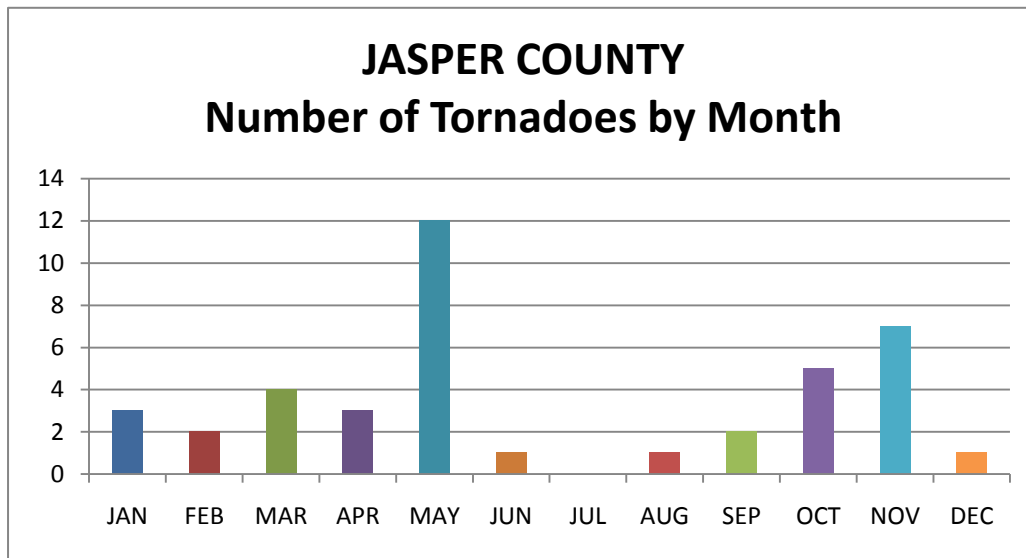
A small tornado caused minor damage to Gerald Addaway home on Ben Smith Road about five miles north of Silsbee. A few trees were uprooted. The storm moved from southwest to northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 19, 1964**

A tornado demolished some barns and outhouses, unroofed others, overturned television antennas, and uprooted trees along a path from the Westbury community west to the Circle H Ranch. At the Blake Mackan home, the tornado demolished a new barn, skipped over an old one, then dipped down to demolish another new barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

## Jasper County Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
04/27/2009	2029	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Holly Springs
05/15/2008	0300	EF0	0.25	25	0	0	\$10,000	3 SE Buna
10/17/2007	0932	EF0	1	20	0	0	\$200	3 WSW Buna
11/23/2004	1810	F1	1	100	0	0	\$10,000	Holly Springs
11/23/2004	1655	F2	6	500	0	0	\$1,250,000	5 W Kirbyville - 3 N Kirbyville
11/23/2004	1641	F2	8	300	0	0	\$1,250,000	13 SW Kirbyville - 8 SW Kirbyville
11/17/2003	2315	F1	5	50	0	0	\$1,000,000	5 W Jasper - 5 NW Jasper
10/12/2001	1505	F0	1	10	0	0	\$0	2 S Evadale
11/24/2000	0350	F1	3	10	0	0	\$75,000	N Buna
05/27/1999	1715	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	9 SSW Kirbyville
05/25/1999	1640	F1	2	20	0	0	\$100,000	2 NE Town Bluff - 10 SW Jasper
05/10/1999	0710	F1	3	50	0	0	\$100,000	5 SW Buna - 2 SW Buna
05/10/1999	0705	F0	2	25	0	0	\$20,000	8 SW Jasper - 6 SW Jasper
05/10/1999	0655	F0	1	25	0	0	\$10,000	12 W Jasper - 11 WNW Jasper
03/02/1999	1855	F3	3	500	1	3	\$500,000	1 NW Holly Springs - 2 SE Holly Springs
03/02/1999	1845	F1	5	20	0	0	\$10,000	7 E Jasper - 12 SE Jasper
03/02/1999	1820	F0	2	50	0	0	\$50,000	2 N Kirbyville - 1 ESE Kirbyville
01/29/1999	1430	F1	11	100	0	0	\$20,000	5 ESE Spurger - Magnolia Springs
01/02/1999	0045	F2	8	800	1	10	\$1,300,000	6 E Evadale - 4 ESE Buna
10/18/1998	1002	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Gist
02/10/1998	1427	F1	5	20	0	0	\$1,000,000	Buna
10/23/1997	1830	F1	5	20	0	2	\$100,000	7 SW Jasper - 4 SE Jasper
11/21/1992	1800	F1	0.5	40	0	0	\$250,000	Buna
05/21/1984	1130	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	3 W Jasper
04/08/1984	0145	F0	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Jasper
12/10/1983	2030	F1	0.5	40	0	0	\$275,000	S Call Junction
09/01/1983	0230	F1	3	30	0	0	\$250,000	2 SW Jasper - 1 N Jasper
05/21/1983	0220	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 E Kirbyville
05/13/1982	1435	F1	3	45	0	0	\$25,000	2 WNW Kirbyville - 2 N Kirbyville
05/13/1982	1430	F2	6.5	60	0	0	\$250,000	7 WSW Kirbyville - 1 S Kirbyville
05/13/1982	1420	F3	8.5	150	1	1	\$275,000	7 NW Buna - 2 S Call Junction
06/20/1980	1330	F1	0	20	0	0	\$25,000	5 WSW Sam Rayburn Dam
05/15/1980	1330	F1	0	25	0	0	\$25,000	12 N Jasper
01/10/1975	0430	F1	0	10	0	0	\$275,000	Jasper
09/04/1972	2005	F0	0.25	10	0	0	\$250	6 W Kirbyville
08/24/1971	1630	F0	0.25	20	0	0	\$0	Jasper
10/30/1967	0900	F2	1	33	0	0	?	NE Kirbyville
04/13/1967	1600	F1	3	440	0	0	\$250	3 ENE Spurger - 2 WSW Magnolia Springs
03/15/1945	0300	F3	12	400	0	2	\$50,000	8 W Kirbyville - Roganville
02/25/1939	1030	F2	?	?	0	1	\$6,000	W Kirbyville
11/15/1930	1500	F2	16	200	0	6	\$5,000	3 ENE Spurger - 8 SE Jasper
TOTALS					3 Deaths	25 Injuries	\$8,576,700 Damage	41 Tornadoes



#### **February 10, 1998**

The same storm that hit the Silsbee area moved across Buna, and produced an F1 tornado. Most of the damage was F0. Over 150 homes and businesses received some form of damage. Less than 25 of these buildings were considered severe damage. A local school recorded winds between 60 and 70 mph as the tornado passed within one mile of it. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 23, 1997**

An F1 tornado touched down near FM 252, around 7 miles southwest of Jasper at 7:30 pm, and moved northeast, ripping down trees and power lines. As it crossed Highway 96 in the Zion Hill area, it picked up a mobile home and rolled it uphill for 100 yards, before it ran into a tree. Two people inside the mobile home escaped with minor injuries by climbing in their bathtub just before the tornado struck. The storm then continued to the northeast and dissipated around 4 miles southeast of Jasper, along US Highway 190 in the Holly Springs area, where it damaged the roof of one home and destroyed a barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 21, 1992**

A tornado heavily damaged homes and barns in the Buna area. A few roofs were torn off and many windows were blown out. Several trees were uprooted and power lines were down in the area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 21, 1984**

An observer in Jasper reported a small tornado touched down 3 miles west of Jasper. No damage reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 8, 1984**

A tornado was reported by the Jasper County Sheriff's Office on the outskirts of Jasper. The tornado brought down many large trees but caused no structural damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 10, 1983**

A small tornado was sighted as it dropped from a thunderstorm just south of the town of Call Junction. It moved to the east for just about a half-mile, but overturned and damaged several large trees in its path. Shortly afterward, it disappeared. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 1, 1983**

A small tornado was spotted as it dropped from a thunderstorm about 2 miles southwest of Jasper. It knocked down trees and power lines as it moved northeastward across the west side of the city. Large trees were uprooted and tossed onto cars and homes, causing extensive damage. Minor damage was done to other homes in the residential area. The tornado also caused minor damage to the elementary and middle schools. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 21, 1983**

The public reported a small tornado one mile east of Kirbyville. It struck in open country, knocking down trees and power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 13, 1982**

The third and weakest tornado to be generated by the thunderstorm moving past Kirbyville hit ground west of Kirbyville near Farm Road 1013 and moved northeast for 2 miles. The weak twister skirted the northwest edge of Kirbyville, damaging several houses. The twister, just after crossing Farm Road 52, hit a house on Trout Creek doing considerable damage and uplifting its roof. The funnel either weakened or went aloft after reaching US Highway 96 north of Kirbyville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 13, 1982**

The second tornado to come from the thunderstorm passing over central Jasper County was not quite so strong as the first, and moved on a parallel track about 8 miles to the north. As rescuers raced to the site of the first tornado touchdown, they reported seeing the second funnel forming to the north. The tornado made an intermittent path of weak to occasionally strong wind damage beginning at the west end of Farm Road 82 some 7 miles west-southwest of Kirbyville and continuing northeast toward Kirbyville. The tornado passed near several houses and mobile homes but hit none directly. It broke a power line west of Kirbyville, tore up fences, and snapped pine trees. At the end of its track, it skirted the south edge of Kirbyville damaging roofs, and totally destroying a hangar at the airport. The tornado path was not discernible eastward from Kirbyville where the funnel passed over heavily wooded areas. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 13, 1982**

The strongest tornado in many years to hit Jasper County touched down southwest of Kirbyville, killing a woman and injuring an elderly man. The tornado spun out of a short line of thunderstorms on the advancing edge of a large area of heavy rain. The tornado itself was buried within a heavy rain band and person close to the twister said they saw and heard it just seconds before it hit. Three separate tornadoes were generated on parallel tracks through the area, but this first was the strongest. Point of touchdown was in the Cairo Spring community at 220 PM CST, 7 miles northwest of Buna, where it damaged a frame house and totally destroyed a mobile home. The mobile home was occupied by an elderly man injured as the shattered house was tumbled for over 200 yards through fields toward the northeast. Three barns, fences, and trees were damaged in the area also. The tornado then entered a heavily wooded area and the damage path appeared intermittent as the forest disrupted the low level vortex. Then as the tornado emerged into a pasture on the west side of US Highway 96 southwest of Kirbyville, it gathered into a strong well-defined ground-based vortex once again. The funnel moved over the pasture and directly hit another mobile home, which was occupied by a woman who was killed when the house was shattered and carried northeast. Several farm animals were killed at this site as well. The tornado crossed US Highway 96 without hitting any cars, traveled another mile through pastures, and ended 2 miles south of Call Junction. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 20, 1980**

A small twister briefly touched down as an intense thunderstorm moved south-southeast through the

area. Touch down was at the community of Ebenezer where it damage one rural home and several outbuildings. A few minutes later many people observed the funnel passing aloft near the city of Jasper. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 15, 1980**

A small twister touched ground very briefly in wooded area 12 miles north of Jasper. A short path of uprooted trees was evident. Nearby mobile homes received some damage from the tornado's peripheral winds. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 10, 1975**

Tornado was reported in the general area. No other information is available. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 4, 1972**

A small tornado blew down several trees near the T.S. Walker home on FM 1013, about six miles west of Kirbyville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 24, 1971**

A tornado was reported by a pilot. There was no known damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 30, 1967**

The tornado destroyed buildings at the Milton Hoxsey Place, the Jimmy Hoxsey Place and the Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 15, 1945**

Five farm homes and 20 outbuildings were destroyed 8 miles west of Kirbyville. Thousands of trees were flattened. Farm buildings were destroyed in the communities of Mt. Union, Beulah Springs, and other small communities. \$50,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)  
This tornado is incorrectly listed as occurring in Newton County. (*Shamburger 2009*)

**February 25, 1939**

A small tornado was destroyed at the west edge of Kirbyville. \$6,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**November 15, 1930**

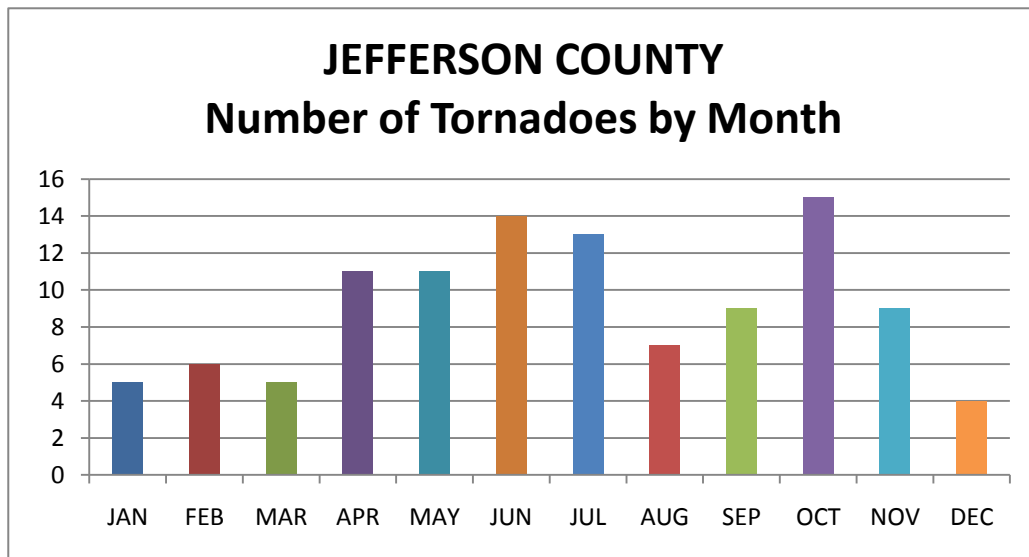
This tornado moved into Jasper County from Tyler County. About 7 miles south of Jasper, six people were injured as a two-story filling station was blown apart. Pieces were carried for almost a mile. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)



## Jefferson County Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
08/18/2009	1357	EF1	1	100	0	10	\$20,000,000	1 SSW Gillburg - 1 ESE Gillburg
10/16/2006	0500	F1	3	20	0	0	\$300,000	1 E China - 4 NNE China
11/18/2003	0100	F0	0	10	0	0	\$100,000	Beaumont
10/13/2001	0355	F1	2	15	0	0	\$1,000,000	3 SW Beaumont - 1 SW Beaumont
10/12/2001	1404	F0	1	10	0	0	\$0	1 W Bevil Oaks - 1 WNW Bevil Oaks
04/03/2000	0320	F1	2	25	0	0	\$2,500	Groves
04/03/2000	0308	F1	2	25	0	1	\$100,000	6 SE Hamshire - 7 SE Hamshire
01/01/1999	2345	F3	6	400	0	5	\$500,000	4 SW Nome - 2 NE Nome
07/14/1997	1505	F0	1.5	20	0	3	\$50,000	Port Arthur
09/21/1995	1515	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	Port Neches
04/10/1995	1549	F0	2	200	0	0	\$0	1 W S.E. TX Airport
10/08/1994	0627	F1	2	50	0	0	\$0	4 SW S.E. TX Airport - 2 SW S.E. TX Airport
11/11/1992	0500	F0	0.3	30	0	0	\$25,000	N Beaumont
06/30/1992	1610	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	Port Arthur
06/30/1992	1608	F0	0	10	0	0	\$250	Nederland
06/30/1992	1545	F0	0	20	0	0	\$28,000	Beaumont
06/01/1992	0805	F0	0	15	0	0	\$2,500	Nederland
06/01/1992	0751	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	3 W S.E. TX Airport
05/20/1992	0800	F0	0	10	0	0	\$250	5 SE Winnie
02/18/1987	0450	F1	0	23	0	0	\$100,000	Fannett
04/10/1984	2330	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$250,000	Port Acres
12/13/1983	1025	F0	0.5	30	0	0	\$0	S Beaumont
05/20/1983	1401	F1	0.7	100	0	3	\$2,500,000	2 NE Port Arthur
05/20/1983	1345	F2	6	175	1	9	\$2,500,000	1 NW S.E. TX Airport - 5 SE S.E. TX Airport
05/20/1983	1340	F1	1	100	0	0	\$25,000	Fannett
05/20/1983	1335	F0	0.3	50	0	0	\$0	W Beaumont
05/20/1983	1315	F1	0	20	0	0	\$2,500,000	Nome
01/31/1983	1400	F3	1	40	0	1	\$2,500,000	W Beaumont
07/07/1982	1410	F0	0.2	25	0	0	\$0	Nederland
04/23/1981	1125	F2	0.5	50	0	0	\$50,000	2 NNW Beaumont
04/23/1981	1120	F2	0.5	50	0	0	\$100,000	2 SW Beaumont
04/23/1981	?	?	?	?	0	0	?	Fannett?
04/23/1981	1115	F2	1	50	0	2	\$100,000	China
09/06/1980	0400	F2	0	20	0	0	\$100,000	1 ESE S.E. TX Airport
09/05/1980	1645	F1	s2	30	0	0	\$250,000	3 WSW Beaumont
06/20/1980	1345	F1	0.25	25	0	0	\$25,000	1 NW Voth
06/20/1980	1345	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$2,500,000	1 NE Beaumont
10/22/1979	0450	F1	0.5	50	0	0	\$1,000,000	3 WNW Beaumont
10/22/1979	0444	F2	0.5	50	0	0	\$1,500,000	3 SW Beaumont
05/22/1979	0530	F0	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	1 E Port Neches
07/05/1978	1358	F0	0	20	0	0	\$2,500	2 WSW Lovell Lake
07/07/1976	0555	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	3 W Port Arthur
06/06/1976	1850	F1	s3	50	0	0	\$25,000	Port Neches - Nederland
10/23/1975	0820	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	2 E China
06/10/1975	0900	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Beaumont
05/14/1975	1620	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	3 W Beaumont
04/29/1975	2045	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	Beaumont
04/10/1975	1242	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	Sabine Pass
10/28/1974	1710	F2	1	25	0	0	\$25,000	15 NE High Island
10/28/1974	1700	F0	1	25	0	0	\$0	5 NE High Island
10/28/1974	1405	F1	1	50	0	1	?	3 NW of Beaumont
10/28/1974	1355	F2	0.25	50	0	3?	\$250,000	1 N Beaumont
10/28/1974	1330	F2	0.25	10	0	2	\$25,000	S Port Arthur
06/21/1974	1220	F0	0	33	0	0	\$2,500	Port Arthur
02/21/1974	0811	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	2 SW Beaumont
11/27/1973	1300	F1	0.25	25	0	0	\$25,000	5 NW Beaumont
09/28/1973	0813	F0	0.25	15	0	0	\$0	Dowling
08/09/1973	1245	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	1 N Port Acres
07/07/1973	0850	F0	0	15	0	0	\$0	Star Lake
06/20/1973	1410	F0	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Meeker

06/11/1973	2105	F1	7	50	0	0	\$2,500,000	3 SE Cheek - 3 SE La Belle
05/26/1973	0350	F2	1	50	0	3	\$125,000	E Hamshire
05/26/1973	0345	F1	0.5	50	0	0	\$125,000	1 SE Fannett
04/17/1973	0610	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Port Arthur
03/24/1973	0545	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	9 E Hamshire
11/13/1972	0525	F2	2.25	50	0	0	\$500,000	S Port Arthur
09/05/1972	1720	F1	4	23	0	0	\$0	5 SW Port Arthur
07/29/1972	1500	F1	s2.5	30	0	0	\$225,000	Nederland
07/13/1972	1215	F0	0	20	0	0	\$0	2 N Beaumont
05/12/1972	0706	F2	s20	30	0	2	\$100,000	Fannett - W Port Arthur
05/24/1971	0900	F0	2	17	0	0	\$2,500	Nederland
12/30/1970	1100	F0	1	25	0	0	\$0	25 SW Nederland
12/30/1970	1100	F0	1	20	0	0	\$0	25 SW Nederland
10/11/1970	1530	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	4 NE Port Arthur
10/11/1970	1447	F2	s5	100	0	0	\$50,000	Keith Lake - Port Arthur
10/06/1970	1045	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 E Fannett
08/24/1970	1645	F1	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 N Hamshire
07/13/1970	1045	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Sea Rim State Park
02/01/1970	0930	F2	0	40	0	2	\$25,000	4 SSE Hamshire
08/27/1969	0800	F0	0	17	0	0	\$0	SW Port Arthur
07/30/1969	1700	F1	0.5	7	0	0	\$25,000	NE Nederland
07/15/1969	1610	F1	1.6	20	0	0	\$75,000	2 NNE Port Arthur - 3 NE Port Arthur
03/23/1969	1105	F3	0.5	67	0	1	\$50,000	Hamshire
02/01/1968	1805	F2	1	20	0	0	\$50,000	1 S Groves - 1 SE Groves
09/21/1967	1139	F0	0	30	0	0	\$0	3 SE Fannett
09/21/1967	1047	F1	1	30	0	1	\$250	Port Neches
09/21/1967	0825	F0	0	20	0	0	\$0	Hamshire
07/13/1967	1452	F2	0	30	0	0	\$25,000	N Beaumont
07/05/1965	1035	F1	1	30	0	0	\$250	Groves
08/05/1964	1820	F2	0	30	0	4	\$25,000	Keith Lake
03/19/1964	0402	F2	s5	20	0	0	\$25,000	2 SSE Sour Lake - Westbury
08/10/1962	1545	F1	1	20	0	0	\$2,500	Guffey - 1 E Guffey
06/22/1962	0826	F0	0	10	0	0	\$250	4 E S.E. TX Airport
08/19/1960	1307	F1	0.25	20	0	0	\$2,500	W Port Neches
01/28/1960	2140	F1	2	30	0	0	\$2,500	Port Arthur
07/02/1959	1315	F2	0	30	0	0	\$25,000	Port Arthur
06/14/1959	1632	F0	0	7	0	0	\$2,500	1 E Nederland
11/07/1957	2127	F3	3	200	2	59	\$2,300,000	Groves
11/07/1957	2123	F3	2	30	0	1	\$75,000	SE Port Acres
11/07/1957	2045	F2	5	50	0	0	\$14,000	Nome - China
03/17/1957	1750	F2	0.2	100	0	0	\$2,500	4 E S.E. TX Airport
11/05/1956	1150	F2	0.2	20	0	0	\$5,000	Port Acres
10/04/1956	1525	F1	1	20	0	2	\$11,000	SW Port Arthur
02/14/1956	1230	F2	s2	30	0	0	\$15,000	Port Neches - 2 NE Port Neches
02/12/1950	1530	F2	1	50	0	1	\$8,100	Lovell Lake
11/06/1947	1740	F2	s20	200	0	2	\$20,000	Pine Island - 1 N Nederland
01/08/1946	0830	F2	2	?	0	0	\$10,000	Port Arthur
12/05/1942	1130	F2	0.5	100	0	0	\$10,000	W Port Arthur
01/03/1934	1545	F2	0.5	100	0	2	\$25,000	5 N Port Arthur
09/23/1930	0500	F2	0.5	200	0	3	?	NW Port Arthur
03/25/1922	1655	F2	15	100	3	23	\$125,000	1 SW Fannett - Beaumont
04/14/1893	0930	F2	10	200	0	0	?	5 ENE China Grove - N Beaumont
				TOTALS	6	143	\$45,117,350	112
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



#### **July 14, 1997**

A small tornado formed along a thunderstorm outflow, tearing through the Chevron Oil Plant. Three men received minor bumps and scrapes when hit by debris from the tornado. The tornado moved east to west, and dissipated in the bayous behind the plant. Severe thunderstorm winds that preceded the tornado also blew throughout the city of Port Arthur, resulting in numerous trees and power lines down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 21, 1995**

Groves and Port Neches Fire Department officials witnessed a small tornado touch down twice in the marshes of Port Neches and Groves. No damage occurred. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 10, 1995**

An National Weather Service employee spotted a tornado between one-half and two miles west of the Jefferson County Airport moving to the northeast at 30 mph. This tornado was in sight for about five minutes before being blocked by heavy rainfall. No damage was noted. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 8, 1994**

A small tornado was observed by National Weather Service personnel 2 miles southwest of the Jefferson County Airport. It damaged several telephone poles as it moved to the northeast. It took a roof off a barn at Port Acres 4 miles southwest of the airport before dissipating. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 11, 1992**

Damage from a tornado was reported on the north side of Beaumont. A carport roof was blown off, while trees, fences, and power lines were downed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 30, 1992**

Several funnel clouds were reported across Jefferson County, and at least three tornadoes were confirmed - one in Beaumont, one in Nederland, and one in Port Arthur. The sheriff's office reported trees down across the county, and several small road signs blown over. The local power utility reported power lines down and at least 30,000 people without power for a few hours. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 1, 1992**

A tornado damaged a house in the Nederland area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 1, 1992**

A tornado damaged trees west of the Jefferson County Airport. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1992**

A tornado moved through a rice field southeast of Winnie. Only minor damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 18, 1987**

A small tornado touched down briefly near the town of Fannett in the Green Acres subdivision. One mobile home was flipped over on its side and heavily damaged. One garage and a shed were destroyed. There was roof damage to two homes and one barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 10, 1984**

A small tornado hit the community of Port Acres on the west side of Port Arthur. The tornado twisted a mobile home, destroyed 2 homes and damaged 12 others. One convenience store was practically destroyed and another commercial building was damaged. A vehicle that was being driven was picked up and moved 50 feet by the wind. Power and telephone lines were blown down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 13, 1983**

A small tornado was observed as it touched down briefly in the south portion of the city of Beaumont. The tornado moved eastward through the area, causing minor damage, then lifted and disappeared. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

A severe thunderstorm moving across the southern portion of Jefferson County produced a tornado as the storm entered the western portion of Port Arthur. It was observed by Skywarn spotters who reported widespread damage to structures in the area. The most notable damage was to the east wing of St. Mary's Hospital, where it tore off a portion of the roof, broke windows and knocked out power. Witnesses reported a "freight train" sound just prior to the tornado's touchdown. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

A small tornado struck a residential area near Nome, causing extensive damage to several homes. A number of small barns and outbuildings in the area were also damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

High winds and heavy rain and hail preceded a tornado that touched down near the Jefferson County Airport at about 1:45 PM CST. The tornado moved eastward, striking the airport, damaging aircraft and helicopters, and causing the collapse of the airport terminal. One man was killed in the collapse of the structure. All others had left the building, some just a matter of seconds before the tornado struck. Damage was also caused to the roof of the Central Mall by the tornado. Several person in the path of the tornado reported that their ears popped just before the tornado struck. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

A tornado struck near the town of Fannett, destroying several mobile homes and damaging houses and cars in the area. Witnesses reported that the tornado was preceded by high winds, heavy rain and large hail. Several also reported that their ears popped just before the tornado struck. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

As the storm that spawned the previous tornado continued across the western side of Beaumont, it

produced a small tornado, as observed by Skywarn spotters. The tornado was short-lived. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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#### **January 31, 1983**

A tornado struck the west side of Beaumont near 2 PM CST. Shortly after touching down, it struck two apartment complexes of 100 one-story units. The tornado damaged 30 of the units and destroyed another 20. One woman was injured as her apartment was damaged. Roofs and chimney damage was common. Additional damage was caused by rain entering through damaged roofs and walls. The tornado lifted a moving van and blew it between two buildings. Shortly afterward it disappeared. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 7, 1982**

A tornado touched down briefly just north of the Jefferson County Airport, doing no damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 23, 1981**

A tornado formed near the trailing edge of a severe thunderstorm. The twister was first spotted at the community of China where eyewitnesses described it as looking like a "long black rope swinging through the sky." The narrow tornado only briefly touched ground several times on its path from China to Beaumont and produced several short swatch of intense damage within the broader area hit by thunderstorm downburst winds. At China, two injuries were attributable to the twister when it demolished a trailer home housing a woman and a small child. Along a skipping straight line toward the east-northeast, the twister deroofed and collapsed walls at a storage company in Beaumont, deroofed an adjacent apartment, and damaged upper portions of apartment complexes in the Magnolia Gardens area. Although 13 miles separated initial and final damage areas caused by the tornado, its up-and-down nature produced only about 2 miles of discernible damage path on ground. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 6, 1980**

A small funnel dipped to earth briefly as it moved rapidly to the northwest near a band of showers. It destroyed a barn near the intersection of US Highway 69 and Texas 365 less than a mile from the airport. It moved northwest and remained aloft after the one touch down. It was seen a last time aloft by sheriff deputies on the edge of Beaumont at Highway 69 and Texas 347. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 5, 1980**

A small twister moved rapidly east to west along College Street in west Beaumont. It first touched ground in the 5200 block of College and then a second time in the 5900 block of College near Langham Road. It caused damage at the College Street Mobile Home Park, damaged the roof of one business, and at the Langham Rd. vicinity of College St., it passed near Evangel Temple where it tore tops out of trees, took shingle off roofs, broke house windows, and lifted loose objects from yards. The funnel was spotted again a few minutes later moving westward aloft near Highway 90 west of Beaumont. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 20, 1980**

At almost the same time that a small tornado moved near downtown Beaumont, a second small twister hit several miles farther west on Broussard Road of northern Beaumont. The tornado was seen by many people from the Parkdale Mall area as it brushed ground level at a nearby residential area. Several homes sustained roof and window damages before the funnel quickly lifted again. Two large power transformers were lifted and dropped onto a nearby apartment. This twister was probably the same one

observed as a funnel aloft in Hardin County a few minutes earlier. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 20, 1980**

A small twister dipped intermittently to the ground as it moved south-southeast from the Orange County into Beaumont. The path followed the Neches River bottom lands and crossed the river at the Beaumont boat Club Marina. The tornado circulation had lifted just above ground level as it passed over the downtown Beaumont area. Witnesses observed the funnel cross the Neches River near Beaumont stating that the funnel was "white like dust. It picked up and came down." As it passed over the Beaumont Boat Club Marina, it damaged a large boat storage dock and carried tin roofing very high into the sky. A loud roar accompanied it. In downtown Beaumont much sign and window damage resulted as the twister passed just overhead. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 22, 1979**

A funnel moved aloft toward the north-northwest and extended downward again, barely skimming ground level through a residential area of northwest Beaumont. About 7 to 10 homes in Woodland Acres and Wildwood Estates subdivisions were damaged - mostly due to roofing removed, windows broken, and chimneys toppled. Witnesses described the funnel as "buzzing" just above rooftop level. A few parked cars were moved about. Thunderstorms moving just ahead of the funnel dropped 2 inches of rain in a short time, and associated lightning hit the Department of Public Safety Communications Center. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 22, 1979**

City police first spotted a funnel over southwest Beaumont at 4:44 AM where it briefly dipped to ground level near I-10 and Washington blvd. Roofs of some 65 commercial storage bins were removed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 22, 1979**

Coastal thunderstorms spawned a very small tornado which barely touched ground for a short while between the cities of Groves and Port Neches. Several small boats were seen tossed around by the twister. A nearby trailer park was not directly hit but a few trailers sustained minor damage from the twister's periphery winds and flying debris. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 5, 1976**

A small tornado formed briefly during a thunderstorm over the Hillebrand Acres Subdivision on LaBelle Road west of Lovell Lake. Minor damage occurred to one home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 7, 1976**

Briefly touched down in a remote area near the Gulf refinery. The storm moved from the south to the north. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 6, 1976**

Touched down briefly in Port Neches, lifted into cloud and touched down in Nederland destroying one house. Debris was scattered downstream for 3 city blocks. Movement was from east to west. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 23, 1975**

Jefferson County Civil Defense reported funnel cloud and associated wind damage 2 miles east of China. Barn roof blown off and some power lines down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 10, 1975**

Tornado did minor damage to some sheds, with several trees down in Beaumont. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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#### **May 15, 1975**

Storm hit 2-4 miles west of Beaumont. Tornado touched down briefly, tipping over trailer house and did minor damage to a tin roof. Only towering cumulus were present. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **April 29, 1975**

One house destroyed in Beaumont. No estimate of damage available. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **April 10, 1975**

Touched down briefly damaging one auto and downing several telephone lines. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **October 28, 1974**

A tornado was first reported 5 miles northeast of High Island, and later at 5:10 PM reported 15 miles northeast of High Island. Touched down mostly over marshland, but damaged mobile homes and sheds, with some roof damage. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **October 28, 1974**

At 2:05 PM another tornado touched down on "other side" of Beaumont, and stayed on the ground a total of three miles but covered about 14 miles total length. This tornado and the previous tornado skipped the most populated areas of the city - otherwise damage would have been excessive. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **October 28, 1974**

At 1:55 PM a tornado touched down in northern Beaumont, destroying a service station and injuring three persons with flying debris. Some damage occurred to roofs and shed in the area. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **October 28, 1974**

Tornado touched down in south part of Port Arthur. Moved to the north-northeast. Primary damage included unroofed homes, damaged garages and storage buildings, and downed trees and power lines. Tornado stayed mostly over open marshland. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **June 21, 1974**

Store awning blown down during brief touchdown of tornado in Port Arthur. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **February 21, 1974**

Tornado touched down on I-10 at College Street with damage to large sign and to service station. Funnel was sighted further to northeast in Beaumont at Bethlehem Steel. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **November 27, 1973**

A small funnel touched ground briefly in the north part of Beaumont and caused an intermittent path of damage from the 6200 block of Judy Lane to Crow Road. The roof and supports of a warehouse were ripped off, a small building was blown down, power lines were broken, and trees were twisted. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **September 28, 1973**

The funnel was sighted by city police as it touched down briefly in pasture area next to the Big-3 Industrial Gases plant. It quickly returned to the parent cloud without causing damage. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **August 9, 1973**

The tornado touched down briefly on the extreme western edge of the Port Arthur city limits at Farm Road 365 and Jade Avenue. The funnel was observed on the ground only a short while in a rice field. Damage occurred to only a small portion of the rice crop. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 7, 1973**

A pilot observed the funnel touch down briefly in the Spindletop Marsh near Star Lake. Path of the tornado was on the north side of the Intracoastal Canal about 21 miles southwest of Jefferson County Airport. The funnel lifted and moved northeastward aloft. No damage occurred as the area is uninhabited marsh. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 20, 1973**

The tornado path was along the Texas Pipeline at Old Sour Lake Road, near the Meeker community. Damage was to a section of communication lines as poles were downed and twisted. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 11, 1973**

Tornado was first reported about 3 miles southeast of the Cheek community. It moved across an Exxon refinery causing extensive damage. It continued southeastward doing damage to Steinhagen Rice Dryer, several farm buildings, and killing three cattle. The path ended about 3 miles southeast of the Labelle community. Most reported damage was to the Exxon plant. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 26, 1973**

The tornado first was reported at Craigen and Burrell roads in Fannett. It moved southeast across Englin Road and Highway 124 and ended southeast of Hamshire. Persons injured were in a mobile home which was tossed 200 yards. Five mobile homes were destroyed, fifteen others damaged, several buildings deroofed, and cars damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 17, 1973**

Police sighted tornado touching down briefly in open near Port Arthur city operation building on Highway 73. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 13, 1972**

A tornado touched down near the Gulf Oil Company Plant in the southern part of Port Arthur and moved eastward about 30 mph to the Pleasure Island area southeast of Atlanta and Beaumont Avenues, where five boats were sunk at the Pleasure Island Marina, and some other boats in dry dock were overturned. At the Gulf Refinery, a large cooling tower was blown down and a flare stack was toppled to the ground. Most of the tornado damage was centered around Houston and Fifth Street, where a two-story frame structure was lifted from its foundation, moved several feet, and completely demolished. Damage was heavy at Meyers Automotive Supply, 148 Proctor Street. An oak tree was split down the middle on Waco Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Street, and a car parked nearby was lifted off the street onto the sidewalk. Gulf States Utilities Company suffered extensive damage to poles and wires. Damage was extensive at both the Gulf and Texaco Refineries. Total property damage was estimated at \$500,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 5, 1972**

A tornado moved through marshland along the Intercoastal Canal, about five miles southwest of Port Arthur, but did not cause any damage. The tornado moved from northeast toward the southwest. Earlier about 5:10 PM, a funnel cloud was observed aloft just southwest of the Port Arthur city limits. The tornado and funnel aloft appeared to be from the same parent cloud. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 29, 1972**



A small tornado skipped through the western edge of Nederland, touching down in about four places. Damage was confined largely to Basco Lumber Company and Lewis Lumber Company on U.S. 69 in Nederland. At the Basco Lumber Company, an 80-foot section in the front of the building and a 90-foot section in the rear were ripped off by the tornado. A tree at the lumber yard was split in two. The tornado dipped into the backyard of the residence of E.P. Morales at 3512 Avenue F in Nederland where it demolished a utility building. Property damage was estimated at \$200,000. Rain and wind caused an estimated \$25,000 damage to the rice crop in the area. The tornado moved from northwest to southeast. *(NWS Storm Data)*

### **July 13, 1972**

Tornado touched down in open country. No damage was reported. *(NWS Storm Data)*

### **May 12, 1972**

A tornado touched earth in western Jefferson County near the intersection of Interstate 10 and State Highway 73, and moved eastward, staying on the ground through the sparsely populated rural area, then lifted into the air near the western edge of Port Arthur. The mobile home of Robert Royer was demolished when the tornado first touched ground in Labelle, just off S.H. 73. Mrs. Royer and Cathy Johnson, a friend, suffered minor injuries, while Mr. Royer and two-year-old Bridgete Royer escaped injury. In route toward Port Arthur, the tornado damaged another mobile home, destroyed a barn and blew down trees and utility poles. Last to be damaged before the tornado went aloft was the Park Place Baptist Church on 32nd Street in the edge of Port Arthur. Four funnels aloft were sighted during the passage of the storm - two near the Gulf Oil Refinery in Port Arthur, one in Beaumont near the Gateway Shopping Center, and one near 39th Street on Memorial Boulevard in Port Arthur. Windstorm damage was reported in Hamshire, and some flooding due to heavy rains occurred in both Jefferson and Orange Counties. Total damage due to the tornado, high winds, and 2-3.75 inches of rain was estimated at \$100,000. *(NWS Storm Data)*

### **May 24, 1971**

A small tornado hopped and skipped along a narrow path through Nederland but caused only minor damage. A carport and patio cover at 1211 Verna Drive was blown down, but a workman at the scene was not injured. A storage building, approximately 10 feet square, located at 919 31st Street was tipped over and demolished. Spotted damage occurred to trees, shrubs and utility lines along a two-mile path. *(NWS Storm Data)*

### **December 30, 1970**

Two tornadoes touched earth briefly in a marshland about 25 miles southwest of Nederland. There was no known damage. *(NWS Storm Data)*

### **October 11, 1970**

This second tornado was responsible for all the injuries, and damaged or destroyed 40 mobile homes. It first touched down about 3:30 PM near the intersection of State Highway 73 and State Highway 87 north of Port Arthur, then lifted, and came back down again in Orange County. *(NWS Storm Data)*

### **October 11, 1970**

Two tornadoes, high winds, and torrential rains battered the lower Sabine-Neches area of Jefferson and Orange Counties, inflicting damage of at least \$750,000. Three funnels were also observed that did not touch ground. A total of 43 mobile homes were damaged or destroyed. This first tornado touched earth near Keith lake, south of Port Arthur, about 2:47 PM where it damaged the Menhaden Plant and overturned a mobile home. The tornado then skipped along a northerly path and touched down twice in downtown Port Arthur, where it blew out many windows and overturned two mobile homes in the Lakeview section. The discontinuous path of this tornado was about five miles long. It touched down in

Lakeview section. The discontinuous path of this tornado was about five miles long. It touched down in Port Arthur about 3:00 PM. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 6, 1970**

A tornado dipped to earth briefly about 12 miles west of the Jefferson County airport, just east of Fannett. The funnel dissipated rapidly, and caused no known damage. A funnel aloft was observed near La Belle at 1:23 PM, and another about 10 miles west of Sabine at 1:25 PM. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **August 24, 1970**

A tornado hit a pond in the Herbert Lee Clubb pasture on emile north of Hamshire, tearing up trees and scattering debris. The funnel moved from north-northwest to south-southeast. It caused only minor damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **August 27, 1969**

A small tornado touched down briefly in the vicinity of the Gulf and Texaco Oil Companies refineries in southwest Port Arthur. There was no significant damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 30, 1969**

A small tornado touched down in the eastern section of Nederland and caused damage to property estimated at less than \$10,000. The path of the storm was about one-half mile long and 20 feet wide. At least two other funnels accompanied the tornado, but did not touch ground. The tornado struck in the 200 block between South Fourth and South Second Streets. On South 2 1/2 Street the tornado momentarily scooped up Vernon Esclovon, 9, from the porch of his home and carried him 30 feet into a ditch. Vernon's 13 year-old sister, Kathy ran after him. A brother, Edward Esclovon, 16, explained, "He just flew across there - my little sister grabben him and pulled him down". His mother, Mrs. W.D. Esclovon, recounted, "It looked like he was rolling, but he wasn't on the ground". Mrs. Raymond T. Johnson, 211 South 2 1/2 Street, reported that the tornado swept across the neighborhood first from the northeast, then reversed and bore down out of the southwest a few moments later. The noise of the tornado was described as "sounding like a big jet, flying real low". (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 15, 1969**

A tornado touched down in the 3700 block of Gulfway Drive and the 4400 block of Lewis Drive in Port Arthur and cut a path 50 feet wide and 1 5/8 miles long eastward to the ship channel. In the tornado path some structural damage occurred to residences, but total destruction was confined to garages, storage sheds, and less well constructed buildings. At the James Paulins home, a 16-foot fiberglass boat with attached 80-horsepower motor and trailer was picked up and deposited in the backyard of the neighbor next door. Witnesses reproted the funnel "sounded just like a freight train". Total property damage from wind and hail, lightning, and the tornado, in the Orange-Beaumont-Port Arthur area was estimated at \$75,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 23, 1969**

An estimated \$50,000 damage resulted from a tornado that struck the Hamshire community in (west) Jefferson County. One person was injured. Several houses were unroofed and trailer homes demolished by the funnel. Mrs. Christos Gianakakis, 22, was alone in her mobile home when it was overturned and demolished. She received a laceration on her head. The tornado struck at the caution light on State Highway 124, moving from the southwest toward the northeast. The tornado laid in ruins almost everything in its path, which was about 200 feet wide and one half mile long. The Cliff Bergeron Service Station, which is made of cement blocks, was torn in two. The roofs of the Douglas Abshire and J.D. Melancon homes were torn off. The Frank Pospisil family were asleep in their mobile home when it was overturned, but luckily none were injured. The A. Courville home was lifted off its concrete blocks and then dropped a few feet away. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 1, 1968**

A tornado described as a "big red and brown funnel" skipped across residential sections of Groves, touching ground at least three times. Some damage was reported to 35 homes with major damage to about 15 homes and buildings. Several homes lost their roofs. A small vacant business building was demolished and a warehouse at a heavy equipment rental firm and two residential accessory buildings were blown over. The tornado traveled in a zigzag pattern from northwest to southeast, touching ground three times within a distance of 1.5 miles. There were no injuries. Property damage was estimated at \$50,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 21, 1967**

A tornado, spawned by Hurricane Beulah, touched down near Fannett. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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A tornado, spawned by Hurricane Beulah, touched down near Port Neches. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 21, 1967**

A tornado, spawned by Hurricane Beulah, touched down near Hamshire. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 13, 1967**

A small tornado ripped between two buildings of the Dollinger Specialties Company in Beaumont, at 3720 Hollywood, sending tin roofing and wooden pilings hurling through the air and downing power lines. The roof of the company's storage building was badly damaged. Equipment in the building - nails, rivets, and machinery - were swept out of the building and into the yard. A sliding door at the back of the building was torn from its railings and blown away. Extensive damage was done to cars belonging to employees parked close to a fence in front of the yard. More of the tin roofing toppled onto the tops of these. A shed in front of the storage building collapsed on one automobile. Damage to company buildings was estimated at \$25,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 5, 1965**

A tornado touched ground briefly in the Port Arthur suburb of Groves, at Taft and 25th streets. Three portable metal contractor's buildings at the new Taft Elementary School were blown into a nearby drainage ditch, several power lines along Taft Street were knocked down, and a portion of a nearby hurricane fence was torn down. The tornado funnel dissipated after bouncing off the ground. Three houses suffered minor roof damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 5, 1964**

A tornado injured four persons and caused considerable property damage in the Keith Lake areas, about 5 miles northwest of Sabine Pass. The tornado hurled a small car into a ditch, injuring four of the five passengers. A small vacant frame house near Keith Lake was lifted off its foundation by the tornado. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 19, 1964**

A tornado demolished some barns and outhouses, unroofed others, overturned television antennas, and uprooted trees along a path from the Westbury community west to the Circle H Ranch. At the Blake Mackan home, the tornado demolished a new barn, skipped over an old one, then dipped down to demolish another new barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 10, 1962**

A tornado hit the Texas Brine Company on the West Beaumont-Port Arthur Highway, and was reported to have rolled a trailer house over five times while occupants were inside, but no injuries. Near the same

time a small structure was blown across Highway 69 near the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, blocking traffic for a short while. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 22, 1962**

Small funnel aloft observed for 10 minutes, with dust devil beneath it for one minute (tornado) 4 miles east of the Beaumont Airport. Light damage to a patio roof. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **August 19, 1960**

Struck small area on west side of Port Neches. Several concrete blocks from tourist court carried nearly 200 yards. Several reports of hearing a roaring sound. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **January 28, 1960**

Moved east and struck the edge of Port Arthur. Damage was spotty, mainly to TV antennas and roof shingles, with a few small sheds overturned and signs blown down. Thunder and precipitation was moderate to heavy for several minutes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 2, 1959**

A small tornado moving northeast in Port Arthur picked up a 35 by 75 foot building and dropped it on parked cars nearby. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 14, 1959**

A drive-in restaurant was damaged in Nederland. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 7, 1957**

There was \$2,300,000 damage at Groves, as 160 homes and businesses were destroyed. A few small homes were leveled. About 1000 other buildings were damaged in a 35 block area, as the funnel moved east-northeast across the west side of Groves. Two men, both elderly, were killed in the destruction of separate small homes. Eleven injuries were called serious. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

180 homes, several businesses, and many outbuildings completely demolished or extensively damaged in area of 15-20 blocks in center of town of Groves. Several hundred buildings damaged to lesser extent. 1 school badly damaged. Winds estimated over 100 mph where tornado struck. Storm lasted only about 5 minutes. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

#### **November 7, 1957**

Three homes were destroyed near Nome and China. Moved southeast. \$14,000. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Slight to moderate dwelling damage at China and Nome. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

#### **November 7, 1957**

Five homes were destroyed and 15 others were damaged in southeast Port Acres. Moved east-northeast. \$75,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

At Port Acres, about 20 houses badly damaged or destroyed. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

#### **March 17, 1957**

4 miles east of Jefferson County Airport, 1 house deroofed and 2 garages damaged. 1 lifted and turned 60 degrees cyclonically. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**November 5, 1956**

At Port Acres, 2 houses lifted from foundations, 6 garages and carport blown down, and roofs torn from barns and outbuildings. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**October 4, 1956**

Tornado struck southwestern part of Port Arthur. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**February 14, 1956**

Tornado destroyed barn and garage, and knocked 4 utility circuits out at Port Neches. The tornado then moved over the city of Orange. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**February 12, 1950**

Buildings damaged. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**November 6, 1947**

Homes were unroofed, torn apart, or shifted southwest of Beaumont as a tornado moved to the east-southeast. Damage totalled about \$20,000 from Pine Island to 1 mile north of Nederland. North of Nederland, at "Cottage Grove", a small home was carried, intact, 150 yards and dropped onto a car. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**January 8, 1946**

Moved east, unroofing two homes near Port Arthur. \$10,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**December 5, 1942**

A small home was swept away at the west edge of Port Arthur. Moved northeast. \$10,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**January 3, 1934**

One large home was unroofed and a smaller one was destroyed 5 miles north of Port Arthur. Moved east-southeast. \$25,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**September 23, 1930**

A brief touchdown destroyed three small homes in northwest Port Arthur. A house at the Pear Ridge subdivision was picked up and dropped onto two trucks that were parked in the yard. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**March 25, 1922**

A tornado hit Fannett, then moved to the northeast and hit Beaumont. At the south edge of Fannett, two people were killed and eight were injured as a half dozen small homes were blown apart and scattered for 200 yards. One person was killed at Beaumont, where damage totaled over \$75,000 and 15 people were injured. Many homes were unroofed, shifted, or collapsed in the Avenue A to Avenue D area. Barnes were leveled between towns. \$125,000 total damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

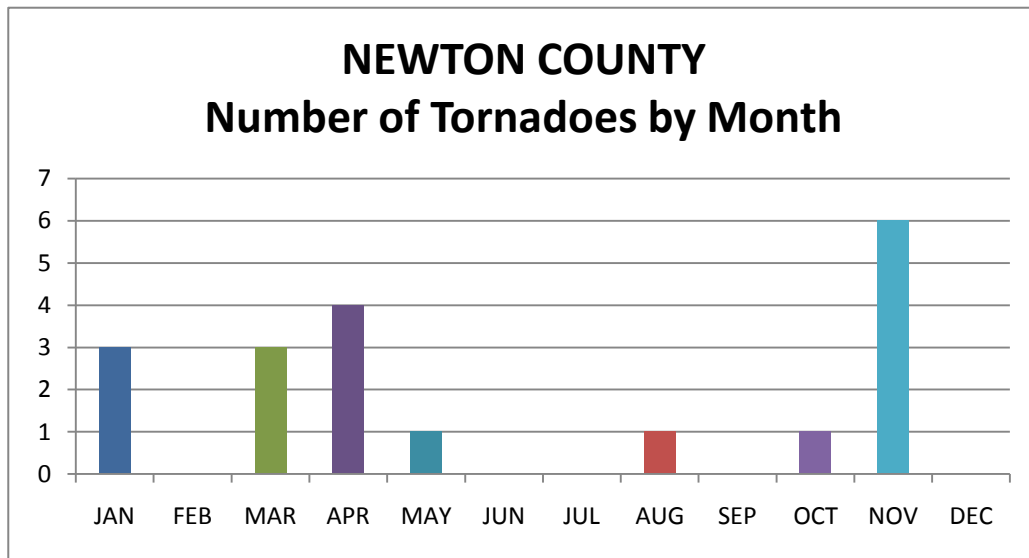
**April 14, 1893**

Moved east-northeast from 5 miles east of China Grove to just north of Beaumont. Small homes were damaged or destroyed. As the tornado touched down, it blew down a few tenant homes, then unroofed a farm home and some barns. An empty cistern was carried for nearly a mile. A home and school were unroofed just north of Beaumont. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)



## Newton County Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
04/27/2009	2025	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$1,000	3 NE Bleakwood
10/16/2006	0749	F0	2	10	0	0	\$5,000	2 SW Wiergate - 1 NW Wiergate
11/23/2004	1830	F1	10	300	0	0	\$250,000	4 SW Burkeville - 5 ESE Burkeville
11/23/2004	1811	F1	1	100	0	0	\$25,000	3 SW Jamestown - 2 SW Jamestown
11/23/2004	1740	F1	3	300	0	0	\$50,000	4 SE Burkeville - 6 SE Burkeville
11/23/2004	1712	F1	3	300	0	0	\$100,000	4 S Newton - 2 SE Newton
11/23/2004	1703	F2	9	500	0	0	\$1,250,000	3 NW Bleakwood - 3 SW Newton
11/17/2003	2115	F2	1	20	0	0	\$1,000,000	13 NE Burkeville - 14 NE Burkeville
05/10/1999	0740	F0	2	25	0	0	\$25,000	2 W Burkeville - 1 N Burkeville
03/02/1999	1905	F3	9	500	0	3	\$250,000	2 SE Holly Springs - 7 SSW Newton
03/02/1999	1825	F0	1	10	0	0	\$20,000	10 SW Bleakwood - 11 SW Bleakwood
03/02/1999	1752	F1	5	50	0	0	\$50,000	10 NW Newton - 5 NW Newton
01/29/1999	1520	F0	1	50	0	0	\$10,000	3 W Newton - 3 WNW Newton
01/22/1999	1030	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	10 S Call
01/02/1999	0055	F1	5	250	0	0	\$20,000	12 S Call - 9 SE Call
04/29/1975	2125	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Deweyville
08/24/1965	1425	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 NE Hartsburg
04/09/1961	0031	F2	0.75	20	0	0	\$25,000	Adsul
04/15/1954	0900	F2	0.50	200	0	0	\$1,000	Trout Creek
TOTALS					0	3	\$3,107,000	19 Tornadoes
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	



### April 29, 1975

Tornado reported by Texas Department of Public Safety in Deweyville. No follow-up report. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### August 24, 1965

A tornado touched ground in southern Newton County about 10 miles north of Orange but did not cause any known damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### April 9, 1961

Tornado moved through Adsul community southeast of Kirbyville, causing minor damage to buildings on several farms. Most damage was to a commercial chicken house, which was demolished, and approximately 1000 of 2000 chickens were killed. Pine trees in the area were twisted or blown over. The storm moved northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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**April 15, 1954**

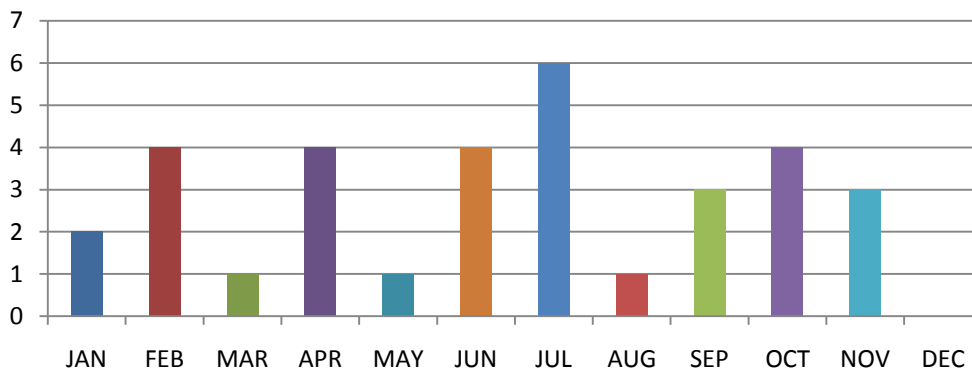
Moved house from foundation, power lines disrupted, and trees snapped in Trout Creek community. (*NWS Storm Data*)



## Orange County Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
04/29/2006	?	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$1,000	9 W Orange
10/18/1998	1030	F0	1	10	0	0	\$50,000	N Mauriceville
10/18/1998	0923	F0	1	10	0	0	\$100,000	3 N Vidor
01/12/1995	2342	F0	10	200	0	0	\$0	Bridge City - Orange
07/15/1992	1345	F1	0	20	0	0	\$28,000	2 N Vidor
06/30/1992	1615	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Vidor
11/23/1983	0455	F0	0.3	100	0	0	\$25,000	West Orange
09/20/1983	0230	F0	0.5	30	0	0	\$250,000	Vidor
06/27/1980	1815	F1	0	20	0	0	\$25,000	1 NW Vidor
06/20/1980	1330	F1	1	25	0	0	\$25,000	Lakeview
07/05/1978	1228	F0	1	20	0	0	\$250	3 SSW Bridge City - 2 SSW Bridge City
04/29/1975	2130	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Orange
04/29/1975	2115	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Vidor
07/27/1974	1615	F1	1	100	0	0	\$250,000	Orange
03/23/1973	1915	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 W Vidor
01/21/1973	0130	F0	2	17	0	0	\$5,000	6 S Vidor
07/14/1972	1315	F0	2	50	0	0	\$0	5 S Deweyville - 5 SE Deweyville
06/22/1971	1615	F0	0	17	0	0	\$8,000	Pinehurst
05/06/1971	1400	F0	0	10	0	0	0,000	2 SE Mauriceville
10/11/1970	1535	F2	2	100	0	19	\$450,000	2 SSE Bridge City - Bridge City
07/04/1970	1645	F1	0	30	0	0	\$200,000	1 W West Orange
10/06/1968	0345	F0	0	13	0	0	\$0	Orange
09/21/1967	1045	F1	1	33	0	0	\$0	3 SW Orangefield
09/02/1966	1439	F1	1	27	0	0	\$0	Orange
02/10/1966	0215	F1	2	50	0	0	\$0	Orange
07/23/1963	1500	F1	1	40	0	1	\$6,000	Bridge City
08/10/1962	1545	F0	1	20	0	0	\$0	Vidor
11/07/1957	2127	F4	6	200	2	50	\$1,500,000	3 NE Bridge City - 2 NE Orange
04/30/1957	1425	F1	2.5	100	0	0	\$2,500	3 NW Vidor
04/03/1957	1245	F1	0	10	0	0	\$250	6 N Orange
02/01/1952	1500	F2	1	70	0	0	\$10,000	West Orange
11/06/1947	0130	F2	2	?	0	1	\$200,000	1 N Orange - 1 ENE Orange
02/08/1935	2300	F2	?	30	0	5	\$5,000	1 S Orange
TOTALS					2	76	\$3,165,000	32
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes

## ORANGE COUNTY Number of Tornadoes by Month



### January 18, 1995

A tornado touched down near Bridge City and stayed on the ground all the way to Orange. It was

observed by both police and emergency. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 15, 1992**

A tornado cut a path 100 yards long across an area north of the Four Oaks Ranch Road. A mobile home was destroyed and several trees were damaged. Power and telephone lines were downed in the area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 30, 1992**

The Vidor Fire Department reported a tornado near Highway 105 and Interstate 10. No damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 23, 1983**

Strong thunderstorms continued along a cold front that produced widespread wind gusts up to 50 mph in the Orange area as it passed through just before 5 AM CST. A small tornado developed near the city of West Orange just before 5 AM CST. It touched down and lifted three times in rapid succession, then disappeared. Persons in the immediate area of the tornado reported hearing a sound like a "freight train." It snapped two large oak trees in half, uprooted one tree and damaged several other trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 20, 1983**

A small tornado developed just over downtown Vidor about 230 AM CST. It struck a house, a commercial building and a convenience store, causing minor damage to each. No injuries were reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 20, 1980**

A small tornado formed west of a hailstorm that struck Orange County. It only touched ground briefly near Vidor where a path of trees was uprooted and minor building damages occurred. It lifted but remained visible as a funnel aloft as it continued southeast over the Neches River near Beaumont. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 20, 1980**

A small twister dipped intermittently to the ground as it moved south-southeast from the Lakeview area to Beaumont. The path followed the Neches River bottom lands and crossed the river at the Beaumont boat Club Marina. Damages occurred to a few houses in Lakeview as the twister passed nearby. Residents of Pine Forest and Vidor saw the funnel to their west. Trees and power lines were downed between Vidor and the Neches River. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 5, 1978**

A waterspout formed on Sabine Lake just east of the Rainbow Bridge. It moved slowly northward and went ashore near the bridge where it quickly dissipated. Only minor damage to communications lines resulted. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 29, 1975**

Tornado reported by Texas Department of Public Safety with damage in Orange. No follow-up report. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 29, 1975**

Tornado reported by Texas Department of Public Safety in Vidor. No follow-up report. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 28, 1974**

Mini-storage building unroofed and contents damaged by rain in Orange. Two funnels also reported in the area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **March 23, 1973**

A tornado reportedly touched down momentarily at the intersection of I-10 and Vaughn Street west of Vidor. A sign was torn down, with twisted trees and a roaring noise reported. Direction of movement was to the northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **January 21, 1973**

A tornado passed over the Albert Bourgeois home, 6 miles south of Vidor on Highway 105, but dipped down to destroy a metal storage building and uproot two trees. Witnesses reported they heard a loud noise, then looking outside, saw debris being blown about. The tornado moved toward the north-northeast. Damage to property was less than \$5,000, and less than \$500 to crops. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **July 14, 1972**

Tornado moved northeastward into Louisiana. There was no known damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **June 22, 1971**

A small tornado touched down briefly in the Pinehurst section of Orange on the west side of the city. Numerous trees were uprooted which knocked down some utility lines. Total damage was estimated at \$8,000. The tornado moved toward the northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **May 6, 1971**

High winds and hail accompanied by one small tornado and four funnel clouds aloft struck the northern portions of Jefferson and Orange counties. The tornado touched down near Mauriceville, northwest of Orange. There was no report of any damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **October 11, 1970**

This tornado was responsible for 19 injuries, and damaged or destroyed 40 mobile homes. It first touched down about 3:30 PM near the intersection of State Highway 73 and State Highway 87 north of Port Arthur in Jefferson County, then lifted. The tornado came back down again in Orange County through Bridge City. The tornado had a discontinuous path of about five miles, but remained on the ground for a distance of about two miles through Bridge City. The damage path was about 100 yards wide. heaviest damage was in a section about six city blocks long between Henry Drive and Texas Avenue. The tornado dipped down on the Osborn Trailer Park then traveled down Henry Drive to North John Street, dipping down at the Owl Mobile Park. There were 30 mobile homes totally destroyed, 7 partially damaged, and three suffered only minor damage. The nineteen injured persons were all in Bridge City. Thirty to forty homes suffered roof damage, and the Church of Christ and Masonic Temple also suffered roof damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **July 4, 1970**

A small tornado struck the 4800 block of Westmore Avenue in West Orange. There was heavy damage to roofs of homes, fences, and trees in the 4800 and 4900 blocks. A metal storage building was ripped off a wooden base and deposited in a tree. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **October 6, 1968**

A small tornado dipped down into a four-block residential area of Orange causing minor property damage, but no casualties. The tornado, traveling an erratic route from southwest to northeast, ranged over an area from 11th to 3rd Streets. Most of the damage was concentrated in a sector between 6th and 8th Streets and Pine and Cypress Avenues. Most of the damage involved shattered

between 6th and 8th Streets and Pine and Cypress Avenues. Most of the damage involved shattered tree limbs, shingles blown off, second story windows shattered and power lines snapped. According to Frank Couch of 702 8th Street, the funnel "sounded like a train coming right down the middle of the street." Hubert Meadows of 611 7th Street "heard a tremendous roar, like a jet plane." A 20-by-50 corrugated steel garage at the home of Seth G. Reynolds, 706 Pine Avenue was picked up and moved some 20 feet to block an alley. A car parked in the garage was undamaged except for a snapped off radio antenna and a dent on its top. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **September 2, 1966**

Two funnels formed from low-lying clouds over the suburban area southwest of Orange, one of which apparently touched ground. May A. De Ville, a garage operator, was traveling west on Chemical Row enroute to Bridge City, in the area of the two funnels, when he noticed the automobile about 100 feet ahead of him suddenly began to travel sideways without skidding. At the same time, he noticed trash, debris, and three or four pieces of fiberglass ranging from 20 to 60 feet in the air moving across the highway at different heights. Mr. De Ville then felt the sensation of his own vehicle being lifted off the road for a few seconds. He stressed, "I just couldn't handle it. It was perfectly free." The only known damage caused by the tornado was at the B. F. Shaw Company pipe fabricating shop at the DuPont Sabine River Works Construction Division. There, six sections of sheet metal 4 by 8 feet were stripped off the south side of the pipe shop. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **February 10, 1966**

A tornado touched down in Orange near US Highway 87. It moved in a northwesterly direction for about two or three minutes and then lifted back into the cloud. Several fences were ripped up and destroyed and one heavy truck was lifted out of a driveway and turned around and set down in the middle of the street. The tornado ripped loose corrugated sheet metal from a warehouse in the Roselawn addition in the western section of Orange. About one-third of the metal roof on the 60 by 100 foot warehouse was peeled off and damaged roofs of nearby homes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **July 23, 1963**

A small tornado touched ground in Bridge City, seven to eight miles northeast of Port Arthur. The tornadic winds caused an estimated \$6,000 damage at the Marine Fueling Service Company near the Neches River Bridge. Barrels were hurled through the air, windows broken, and buildings shaken. Radio equipment was damaged. One girl in Bridge City sustained cuts from flying glass when windows on the west side of her house were blown in during the strong winds. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **August 10, 1962**

A tornado moved through a wrecking yard in the Vidor area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **November 7, 1957**

Damage totaled \$1,500,000 as 180 homes were destroyed at Orange. One woman was killed. This was the fourth significant (F2 or higher) tornado in this corner of the state this evening, and it appears to also have been the most intense. About 115 of the destroyed homes were in the Riverside Housing Project. Nine ships and three barges were torn from their moorings. Another 250 homes were damaged. An F4 rating is more likely here than at Groves, although it is a minimal F4. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

At Orange, several businesses and houses were destroyed, with 130 homes demolished, and 250 others heavily damaged. 100 families homeless. 9 ships and 3 barges were torn from their moorings. Thousands of phones cut off with power disrupted. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**April 30, 1957**

Timber twisted and broken. Minor damage to 3 houses 3 miles northwest of Vidor. (NWS *Climatological Data National Summary*)

**April 3, 1957**

Ripped 50 by 40 foot section of roof off school 6 miles north of Orange. (NWS *Climatological Data National Summary*)

**February 14, 1956**

Tornado destroyed barn and garage, and knocked 4 utility circuits out at Port Neches. The tornado then moved over the city of Orange. (NWS *Climatological Data National Summary*)

**February 1, 1952**

Moved east-northeast on the southwest edge of Orange. One small home was destroyed. Another home was unroofed and several lost porches or were shifted in the Victory Gardens community. \$10,000 damage. (Grazulis 1993 - *Significant Tornadoes*)

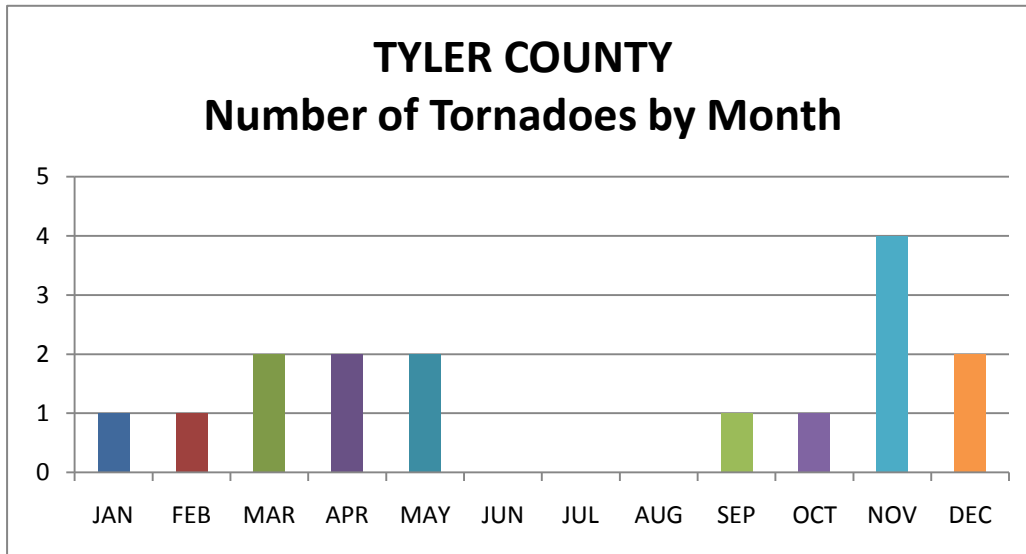
Victory Gardens community southwest of Orange was struck. 1 home destroyed, others damaged. (NWS *Climatological Data National Summary*)

**February 8, 1935**

Moved east, tearing apart a dozen small homes in the Cove section. \$5,000 damage. (Grazulis 1993 - *Significant Tornadoes*)

## Tyler County Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
12/15/2007	0739	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$12,000	1 NW Warren
11/23/2004	1630	F1	5	200	0	0	\$100,000	4 S Fred - 6 ESE Fred
05/25/1999	1635	F0	1	20	0	0	\$25,000	2 N Town Bluff - 2 NE Town Bluff
05/10/1999	0650	F1	5	50	0	0	\$50,000	5 NE Woodville - 9 NE Woodville
03/12/1999	2210	F1	3	20	0	0	\$100,000	3 SW Warren - 4 S Warren
01/29/1999	1420	F2	6	400	0	0	\$20,000	5 S Spurger - 5 ESE Spurger
10/23/1997	1745	F1	3	20	0	0	\$75,000	7 SW Woodville - 4 SW Woodville
03/07/1995	0540	F0	0	10	0	0	\$20,000	2 N Woodville
12/10/1983	1945	F2	26	700	0	4	\$7,500,000	9 SW Warren - 5 E Fred
09/13/1978	1400	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 E Woodville
04/13/1967	1600	F1	1	440	0	0	\$500	2 ENE Spurger - 3 ENE Spurger
02/20/1967	0315	F2	1	100	0	0	\$500,000	Woodville
04/29/1935	0630	F2	2	?	0	3	?	4 E Woodville
11/19/1934	2300	F2	?	?	0	0	?	Woodville
11/15/1930	1500	F2	16	200	0	6	\$45,000	Hicksbaugh - 3 ENE Spurger
11/20/1883	1600	F2	?	75	0	7	?	Colmesneil
TOTALS					0	20	\$8,447,500	16
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



### October 23, 1997

An F1 tornado touched down in the Ivanhoe subdivision around 6:45 pm, ripping up trees and moved northeast. As it crossed Highway 69, around five miles south of Woodville, it tore the roof off a large barn at a farm, and destroyed the business offices of a sawmill across the street. Over 100 trees were reported down on the farm. Fortunately, this storm moved across mostly wooded land and farm acreage, causing no injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### March 7, 1995

A small tornado was reported by a sheriff's deputy north of Woodville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### December 10, 1983

An unusually large and long-lived tornado touched down in the extreme southwestern portion of Tyler County and caused extensive damage as it moved eastward across the southern portion of the county. It touched down at 745 PM CST along the Tyler-Hardin County line about 9 miles southwest of Warren, striking a home and destroying it completely. The house next door was filled with a party of 31 people, but little damage occurred. The tornado's path continued for 26

miles, moving to the east-northeast and carrying it through the community of Fred. IN all, it destroyed 7 mobile homes and 9 houses while damaging a bother 15 mobile homes and 40 houses. Four persons were injured during the event. Two of the four injuries were sustained as a man and his wife attempted to leave their mobile home. The woman slipped and feel down as she was leaving, and the man attempted to protect her with his body. The tornado struck the mobile home, rolling it over on the couple who sustained only minor injuries. The tornado was preceded by very heavy rain and one witness reported hearing a sound "like jet airplanes taking off" just before it struck. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 13, 1978**

A Tyler County Sheriff's officer observed a low hanging funnel cloud aloft just east of Woodville. The funnel moved east at 30 mph and the officer did briefly see it dip to ground level over a heavily wooded area 2 miles east of Woodville. Trees were twisted or uprooted but the tornado hit no buildings or property. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 13, 1967**

A tornado cut a path across a forested area near Spurger. Damage to the timber was estimated at \$500. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **February 20, 1967**

A tornado cut a swath about four blocks long and one block wide in the northern part of Woodville, then damaged a second section about three blocks long and one block wide. Kirby School in downtown Woodville, and the Woodville Lumber Company located outside the city were hardest hit. Six buildings on the Kirby School campus sustained damaged estimated at \$150,000. The school gymnasium suffered the most damage. The projection room, power facilities and ticket booth at Dogwood Amphitheatre directly behind the Kirby School campus was destroyed. Damage at the Woodville Lumber Company was estimated at \$200,000. Witnesses described the roar of the tornado as being like that of a jet airplane. Total property damage was estimated at \$500,000. At least 10 homes suffered minor damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 29, 1935**

Three people were hit by flying debris as one home was destroyed 4 miles east of Woodville. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

#### **November 19, 1934**

Five homes were unroofed and a filling station was damaged at Woodville. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

#### **November 15, 1930**

Moved northeast from near Hicksbaugh. The track was primarily across forests, and thousands of trees were blown down. Most of the \$50,000 damage was at a Tyler County lumber mill. The mill was destroyed, as were five of the surrounding homes. The tornado then moved into Jasper County. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

#### **November 20, 1883**

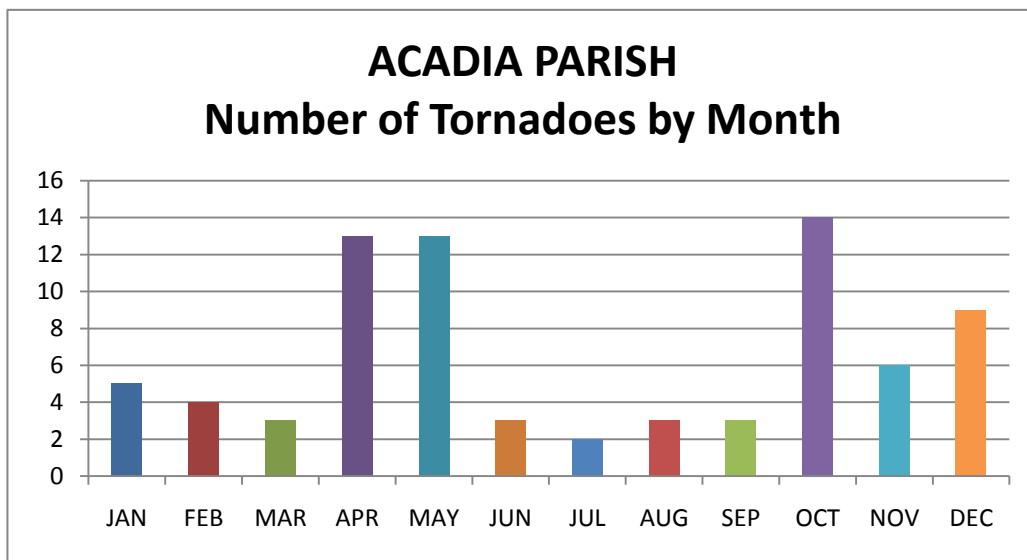
At least three homes were destroyed near Colmesneil. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

## Acadia Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
12/24/2009	0805	EF1	3	75	0	0	\$50,000	3 SSE Morse - 2 E Morse
12/24/2009	0753	EF0	1	25	0	0	\$2,000	1 E Prudhomme - 1 ENE Prudhomme
12/24/2009	0750	EF1	2	25	0	0	\$20,000	2 NNW Iota - 3 NNE Iota
12/24/2009	0750	EF1	2	25	0	0	\$20,000	0.3 WNW Richard - 1.7 NNE Richard
12/24/2009	0746	EF0	3	25	0	0	\$5,000	3 SW Richard - 0.5 WSW Richard
12/24/2009	0740	EF0	3	25	0	0	\$3,000	2 SE Judd - 3 ENE Judd
12/24/2009	0727	EF2	7	100	0	4	\$4,000,000	2 NW Crowley - 1 E Maxie
09/03/2008	1057	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$10,000	2 WSW Crowley
12/30/2006	0643	F1	2	100	0	0	\$100,000	1 E Mire - 3 NE Mire
10/16/2006	0754	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 W Crowley
10/16/2006	0750	F1	1	10	0	0	\$150,000	1 E Iota
10/16/2006	0730	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 S Morse
10/16/2006	0709	F0	1	10	0	0	\$0	1 S Morse
11/22/2004	1642	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	11 NW Iota - 12 NW Iota
10/29/2002	0245	F0	1	20	0	0	\$10,000	4 NW Richard - 5 N Richard
10/03/2002	1128	F0	1	10	0	0	\$15,000	Richard
10/03/2002	1058	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Mowata
10/03/2002	1043	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Estherwood
10/03/2002	1025	F0	1	20	0	0	\$25,000	2 N Rayne - 3 N Rayne
10/03/2002	1008	F1	1	20	0	0	\$0	2 SE Crowley
10/13/2001	0745	F1	1	10	0	0	\$125,000	Rayne
04/03/2000	0500	F0	7	20	0	0	\$100,000	2 N Iota - Mowata
01/02/1999	0310	F2	10	400	0	0	\$500,000	2 E Evangeline - 2 NE Iota
12/29/1998	0930	F0	1	10	0	0	\$5,000	1 E Morse
11/10/1998	0945	F0	0	20	0	0	\$50,000	1 E Morse
09/11/1998	1618	F0	2	10	0	2	\$5,000,000	Midland
10/24/1997	0005	F1	2	10	0	0	\$40,000	10 NW Iota - 12 NW Iota
08/10/1992	1800	F1	0.1	15	0	0	\$2,500	Rayne
06/25/1992	1425	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 SE Lyons Point
06/25/1992	1420	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 SW Lyons Point
05/28/1992	1820	F1	0.1	20	0	0	\$0	11 SSW Crowley
03/04/1992	2350	F2	15	175	0	2	\$2,000,000	Iota - 3 SW Swords
03/29/1990	2030	F1	0.3	25	0	0	\$25,000	Church Point
02/15/1990	1111	F1	0.75	40	0	5	\$0	Mire
01/24/1990	1000	F0	0.1	25	0	0	\$2,500	Richard
08/07/1989	1330	F1	0.2	30	0	0	\$25,000	Crowley
07/31/1989	0500	F0	0	20	0	0	\$2,500	1 S Iota
05/18/1989	1020	F2	1	40	0	1	\$250,000	3 E Rayne
10/26/1988	1113	F1	0.5	40	0	0	\$25,000	5 N Crowley
04/18/1988	1620	F0	0.2	25	0	0	\$25,000	6 WNW Church Point
11/16/1987	1155	F1	0.1	30	0	0	\$250,000	1.5 W Crowley
08/02/1985	1630	F1	0.7	35	0	1	\$15,000	Rayne
05/23/1985	0730	F1	1.5	50	0	0	\$20,000	Iota
04/07/1983	0839	F0	0.25	100	0	0	\$0	1 S Church Point
02/09/1983	1745	F1	1	50	0	0	\$2,500	1 E Church Point - 2 ENE Church Point
02/09/1983	1730	F3	3	150	0	0	\$250,000	1 NW Richard - 4 NNE Richard
05/09/1981	2000	F1	0.1	120	0	0	\$25,000	Crowley
06/06/1977	1615	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	10 S Crowley
07/21/1976	1430	F1	0.2	25	0	0	\$25,000	1 N Bates?
05/09/1975	1730	F2	2	25	0	0	\$25,000	1 SW Richard - 1 NE Richard
05/09/1975	1710	F2	s9	50	0	0	\$250,000	3 N Crowley - 1 N Branch
05/09/1975	1630	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	1 NNE Rayne
05/08/1975	0100	F2	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	Le Gros Airport - 1 S Estherwood
04/30/1975	1525	F1	1	25	0	1	\$25,000	1 N Morse
01/10/1975	0735	F1	s14	35	1	8	\$25,000	2 S Mermentau - Crowley
01/10/1975	0720	F1	4	33	0	1	\$5,000	2 E Jennings - Evangeline
10/29/1974	0110	F3	13	440	2	52	\$10,000,000	0.5 SW Crowley - 4 N Maxie
10/29/1974	1255	F2	s16	200	0	?	?	4 NE Lake Arthur - ?
09/11/1973	1330	F0	6	50	0	0	\$250	5 SW Eunice - 1 SE Eunice
04/17/1973	1700	F1	0.25	50	0	0	\$2,500	1 S Crowley



05/26/1969	1805	F0	1	20	0	0	\$0	2 E Evangeline
04/23/1968	1600	F2	1	67	0	0	\$2,500	6 SSE Crowley
04/18/1967	1806	F0	0	33	0	0	\$0	1 S Midland
05/19/1966	0830	F0	1	100	0	0	\$0	6 NW Rayne
03/29/1961	2330	F1	3	300	0	0	\$250,000	1 NE Maxie - 4 NE Maxie
04/29/1960	1800	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	3 SE Basile
11/07/1957	2330	F3	4	200	2	15	\$250,000	3 WSW Higginbotham - 1 ENE Higginbotham
11/07/1957	1730	F1	5	50	0	1	\$25,000	1 SSW Iota - 4 N Iota
11/07/1957	1530	F1	5	50	0	0	\$25,000	Gotts Cove - 2 N Iota
05/16/1953	0315	F2	5	100	0	0	\$25,000	Branch - 2 SE Church Point
04/04/1952	0230	F3	2?	100	0	0	\$25,000	4 SW Church Point - 2 SW Church Point
04/04/1952	0230	F2	2	50	0	0	?	2 SW Ellis - Ellis
11/10/1946	1700	F2	s14	?	0	1	?	7 S Crowley - 3 NE Rayne
06/22/1946	1515	F0	?	100	0	0	?	Crowley
05/10/1943	1830	F2	1	100	0	0	?	Mermentau
04/19/1934	0800	?	2	100	0	1	?	3 SW Lyons Point - 2 SE Lyons Point
04/19/1934	0700	F2	9	?	0	3	?	N Rayne - 3 NE Mire
04/19/1934	?	?	?	?	0	?	?	Evangeline
02/07/1933	0800	F0	0.8	66	0	0	\$0	Mermentau
05/06/1915	1915	F2	5	?	6	?	?	1 S Mermentau - 2 W Egan
01/25/1895	0830	F2	10	50	1	10	?	4 N Gueydan - 3 W Crowley
			TOTALS	12	108	\$24,200,250	81	
				Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes	



#### October 24, 1997

A small F1 tornado touched down in northwestern Acadia Parish, around two miles southwest of Basile. This storm moved northeast and passed through sections of Basile in Evangeline Parish before dissipating. The most serious damage occurred in Acadia Parish, along Fournerat Road, where several homes received roof and window damage. In Basile, the high school and a rice drier received minor damage when light poles were blown down. Trees and power lines were down for several miles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### August 10, 1992

A small tornado took the roof off from a mobile home near Rayne. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### June 25, 1992

A small tornado was observed by the Acadia and Vermilion Sheriff's Offices in open country moving east-northeast along a path that began 2 miles north of Gueydan in Vermilion Parish then crossed briefly into

Acadia Parish near Lyons Point before entering Vermilion Parish again and damaging the roof of a building near Indian Bayou before dissipating. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 28, 1992**

A Lake Charles television crew filmed a brief tornado in open country 12 miles south of Crowley. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 4-5, 1992**

A tornado moving northeast about 30 mph began in Iota and continued on a path which took it through Mowata, Richard, and then into St. Landry Parish. The tornado caused an estimated \$2,000,000 damage in Acadia Parish. Four mobile homes were destroyed, six single family homes heavily damaged, and 36 single family homes partially damaged in Iota. In addition, 20 windows were blown out of the Iota City Hall, the nearby post office lost its roof, and the Iota Junior High School gym lost its roof and one of its walls. Hundreds of large trees in Iota were either uprooted or snapped in half. Fortunately, there were only two minor injuries in Iota where a mother and infant son were thrown from their mobile home when the tornado destroyed it. The tornado moved on to the community of Mowata where it destroyed three single family homes and two mobile homes. At Richard, the tornado heavily damaged a mobile home and blew down some power lines. The tornado crossed over into St. Landry Parish about 3 miles southwest of Swords. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 29, 1990**

A short-lived tornado occurred near Church Point. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 15, 1990**

A tornado touched down northeast of Rayne, near the small community of Mire. One mobile home was rolled over and its five occupants received minor injuries. Two other mobile homes received damage along with a nearby house. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 24, 1990**

A tornado touched down near a school in Richard causing minor damage to the roof. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 7, 1989**

A severe thunderstorm spawned a tornado which tore a portion of the roof and siding off a shopping center in Crowley. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 31, 1989**

A tornado touched down near Iota shortly before sunrise on the 31st. Several trees were uprooted and a mobile home moved off its foundation. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Chantal. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 18, 1989**

A tornado touched down near Rayne, damaging five houses, 10 mobile homes, and a race track, causing one injury. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 26, 1988**

A tornado touched down north of Crowley damaging a bridge and downing trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 18, 1988**

A tornado touched down northwest of Church Point and destroyed a mobile home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 16, 1987**

A tornado near Crowley destroyed a large barn, flipped a tractor-trailer rig, and caused damage to the local high school. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 2, 1985**

A small tornado damaged a trailer and injured its owner near Rayne. In addition, the tornado did \$13,000 damage to an electric transformer and broke some telephone poles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 23, 1985**

A small short-lived tornado moved through Iota around 7:30 AM doing about \$20,000 damage to trees, utility poles, plate glass windows and roofs. One building and the town's emergency water pump were blown off their foundations. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 7, 1983**

The Louisiana State Police reported a tornado developed just south of Church Point and moved a short distance before dissipating. There was no known damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 9, 1983**

A tornado touched down just east of Church Point in Acadia Parish and moved northeast into St. Landry Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 9, 1983**

A tornado was observed to touchdown about 5 miles southeast of Eunice. One house was almost totally destroyed. Residents heard no sound other than the debris as the house was demolished. None of the 5 persons in the house was injured. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 9, 1981**

Several buildings were damaged when a tornado touched down briefly in Crowley, knocking over trees and tearing up roofs. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 6, 1977**

Tornado touched down briefly about 10 miles south of Crowley. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 21, 1976**

A small tornado smashed a house trailer and barn on the Ira Gacille property southwest of Eunice. Witnesses said the house was sucked up some 30 or 40 feet in the air and then flipped over somersault fashion about 150 feet away. A barn was carried the length of a football field before it was dropped. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 9, 1975**

Another small tornado hit *south and* east of the Richard Community, destroying the bell tower of St. Edward's Catholic Church and three power transmission towers. The tornado also damaged homes, barns, and utility sheds. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 9, 1975**

Funnel first observed northwest of Crowley. It touched down as a thin column north of town, then skipped along northeastward, occasionally touching down and wrecking power lines, trees, and barns. It demolished several greenhouses at Green Garden Enterprises, just north of Branch, and an airplane hangar. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 9, 1975**

Tornado first observed northeast of Rayne. Minor damages. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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#### **May 8, 1975**

Small tornado dipped out of thunderstorm and scattered a trailer home over the land about one mile south of Estherwood. Aircraft and hangar at Le Gros Airport were damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 30, 1975**

Two homes damaged, trailer overturned near Morse. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **January 10, 1975**

Mobile home was smashed in Mermentau Cove. Ronnie Benoit died of injuries. Cynthia Benoit, Carlton Leger, and Juanita LeBouef were badly hurt. Tornado dipped again in Crowley damaging seven homes and six mobile homes with injuries to five persons. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **January 10, 1975**

A tornado moved into Acadia Parish from Jefferson Davis Parish and destroyed a mobile home in Evangeline. One minor injury occurred. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 29, 1974**

This tornado, which moved out of Jefferson Davis Parish into Acadia Parish, moved northeast and caused major destruction in the southwest and northeast portions of Crowley. After leaving Crowley, the tornado turned north, then finally northwest across Highway 13 north of Maxie. Path was about 30 miles long in Jefferson Davis and Acadia Parishes, and about one-quarter mile at its greatest width in northeast Crowley.

One man, Dewey Spell, was killed at his home near Maxie. At least 12 people were hospitalized in Crowley, and about 40 more treated for minor injuries. Ernest Gaspard died at a later date because of head and neck injuries.

Damaged in Crowley were listed as follows: 111 homes, one apartment complex, and 95 other buildings destroyed; 108 homes and 22 businesses severely damaged; and 340 homes with minor damage. Losses exceeded \$10,000,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 11, 1973**

Slow-moving tornado near Eunice caused minor crop damage. According to witnesses who watched it for more than 30 minutes, the tornado kept "...going up and down..." and had a bright white or silver stripe down its middle. This tornado was spawned by a tropical depression, and moved into St. Landry Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 17, 1973**

Tornado hit just south of Crowley. A combine was uprighed, a barn collapsed, and tin was torn from buildings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 26, 1969**

A small tornado, moving south-southeast, touched down several times in open country 2 mile east of Evangeline. No damage reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 23, 1968**

A small tornado destroyed a barn, damaged another, and overturned a house-trailer near Lyons Point, south of Crowley. Lady witness reported "dynamite boom" sound, saw barn lifted intact, move for some 50 yards, then collapse and scatter. Tornado associated with a heavy thunderstorm and golf-ball size hail.

(NWS Storm Data)

**April 18, 1967**

State police reported a tornado on the ground 8 to 10 miles southwest of Crowley. (NWS Storm Data)

**May 19, 1966**

Near the Ellis community, 5 miles northeast of Crowley. Two funnels formed in excessively dark cloud. One came down, hit several times in pasture and rice field. Cattle whipped with wind and a few knocked down. Where funnel hit it picked up water from rice fields, grass, small trees and bushes. Young rice was knocked down. Tornado moved from south towards the north, then turned to the east. Funnel cloud aloft reported about two miles to the north. Sounded like a great gas pressure blowing out through a pipe. (NWS Storm Data)

**March 29, 1961**

Homes, barns, sheds, power lines damaged, and windows blown outward by pressure inside buildings. Attended by hail. (NWS Storm Data)

**November 7, 1957**

Moved northeast from 5 miles southeast of Branch to near Sunset. Two people were killed near the start of the path when their home was blown apart and they were thrown 150 yards. Near the parish line, two people died in adjoining tenant homes. A total of 25 homes and 60 farm buildings were damaged or destroyed. (Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes)

Destroyed 25 homes and 60 farm buildings, damaged 14 homes and 2 farm buildings from Higginbotham to Cankton. (NWS Storm Data)

**November 7, 1957**

Moved from Lowry to Iota, and lifted over Jennings. (NWS Storm Data)

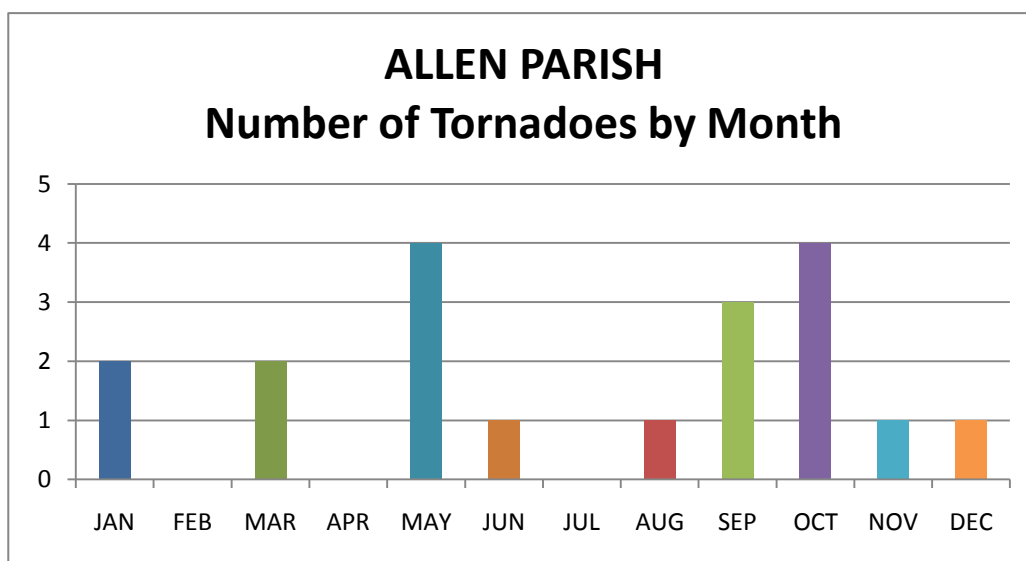
**April 4, 1952**

Skipped east-northeast from southwest of Welsh to west of Evangeline, west of Branch, to Church Point. Small homes were torn apart in Ardoin's Cove, where only two of 20 homes were left standing. This damage area was up to a mile wide, and consisted of mostly F1 damage. \$500,000 damage. (Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes)

In Ardoin's Cove, Acadia Parish, only 2 out of 20 homes left standing. Damage less at other places. \$500,000 damage. (NWS Storm Data)

## Allen Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
10/22/2009	1315	EF0	5	50	0	0	\$2,000	5 S Oakdale - Oakdale
10/22/2009	1305	EF0	0	25	0	0	\$5,000	6 N Elton
10/22/2009	1252	EF1	2	700	0	0	\$200,000	Elton - 2 N Elton
09/02/2008	1808	EF0	3	50	0	0	\$30,000	3 SW Leblanc - 1 NE Leblanc
10/12/2006	1530	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$2,500	2 SSW Mittie
01/29/1999	1430	F0	2	100	0	0	\$10,000	4 SW Elizabeth - 2 SW Elizabeth
01/02/1999	0220	F1	2	200	0	0	\$50,000	8 SW Mittie - 6 SW Mittie
09/12/1998	0738	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	4 NW Oberlin
09/11/1998	1715	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	5 S Oakdale - 5 SW Oakdale
05/18/1995	1430	F1	0.5	30	0	1	\$2,500	Oakdale
05/04/1991	0148	F0	0.2	18	0	0	\$30,000	Elizabeth
06/16/1983	1730	F0	0.5	50	0	0	\$0	10 SE Oberlin
05/31/1974	1500	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	7 ENE Oberlin
11/20/1973	1145	F1	s14	100	0	0	\$25,000	2 ESE Sugartown - 4 NE Elizabeth
03/24/1972	2145	F0	0.06	25	0	0	\$250	3 NE Elton
05/01/1967	1815	F3	5	750	0	2	\$25,000	3 SSW Mittie - 3 NE Mittie
11/18/1957	0800	F1	0.5	50	0	0	?	3 SW Oakdale
11/13/1957	0700	F1	0.3	25	0	0	?	Oakdale
05/18/1953	1200	F2	1	30	0	1	\$5,000	9 SW Oakdale (Cherie Wenche)
08/15/1938	0930	F2	0.3	70	0	8	?	Kinder
12/17/1929	2300	F2	?	?	0	6	?	6 N Oakdale - Eldridge
03/30/1926	0700	F2	5	400	0	3	?	3 N Kinder
TOTALS					0	21	\$407,250	22
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



### May 18, 1995

A tornado touched down in Oakdale causing minor damage to a hospital. A nurse suffered minor injuries. A number of trees were also blown down. Tornado path length and width estimated. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### May 4, 1991

A severe thunderstorm associated with a squall line produced a small tornado which destroyed a mobile home and took the roof off a nearby building in Elizabeth. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### June 16, 1983

A small tornado touched down in a wooded area about 10 miles southeast of Oberlin. No significant damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 20, 1973**

Tornado skipped across northern Allen Parish, moving east-northeastward to near Glenmora. Path on ground not continuous. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 24, 1972**

Small funnel touched down just north of Elton, resulting in only minor damages. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 1, 1967**

Moved from west to east near Mittie. Demolished four homes, severely damaged several others, and barns and sheds. Timber flattened. One critical injury as flying board pierced person. (*NWS Storm Data*)

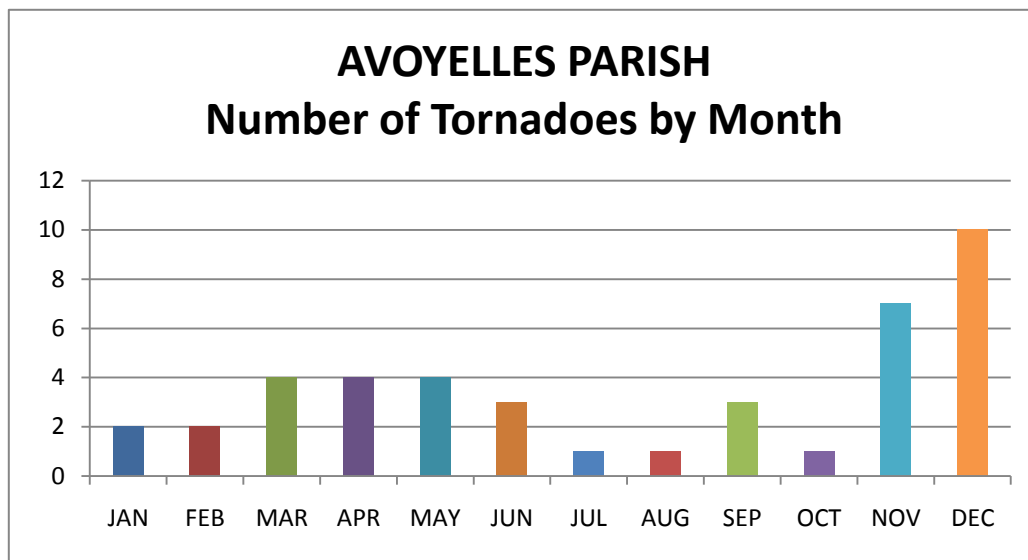
**May 18, 1953**

Small and brief tornado destroyed 1 home, damaged several others in Cherie Wenche community. (*NWS Storm Data*)

## Avoyelles Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Dth	Inj	Damage	Location
12/24/2009	0737	EF0	0.25	10	0	0	\$3,000	2 SE Mansura
12/24/2009	0737	EF0	5	25	0	0	\$5,000	4 SSW Evergreen - 1 E Karo
12/24/2009	0732	EF0	2	25	0	0	\$10,000	5 NE Whiteville - 7 NE Whiteville
09/02/2008	1610	EF0	0.25	25	0	0	\$0	2 SE Mansura
09/01/2008	1907	EF0	0.25	25	0	0	\$0	3 NNW Effie
02/21/2008	1735	F0	1	50	0	0	\$20,000	1 W Bodoc - Bodoc
10/16/2006	0830	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	1 W Effie
11/01/2004	1030	F0	1	10	0	0	\$75,000	Bunkie
11/18/2003	0400	F1	4	10	0	0	\$250,000	4 S Bunkie - Evergreen
03/18/2003	1720	F0	1	10	0	0	\$2,000	8 NE Effie
11/24/2001	0205	F2	1	10	0	3	\$50,000	5 N Simmesport
11/06/2000	0545	F2	3	25	0	3	\$200,000	Eola - 1 SW Bunkie
12/17/1995	1340	F0	0.1	10	0	0	\$20,000	Effie
05/29/1994	1445	F1	1	50	0	0	\$500,000	Bunkie
12/04/1993	0315	F1	s21	40	0	3	\$550,000	Bunkie - Bordelonville
04/20/1992	0325	F1	0.5	20	0	1	\$25,000	1 SE Plaquemine
11/19/1991	1757	F2	5	100	0	1	\$25,000	1 E Ruby - Effie
12/21/1990	1500	F1	s5	150	0	0	\$12,000	0.5 W Center Point - 4 S Deville
06/07/1989	2250	F1	0.3	40	0	2	\$25,000	Marksville
03/29/1988	1800	F1	1	250	0	2	\$250,000	2 S Bunkie
06/07/1984	0055	F2	1	100	0	3	\$25,000	Moreauville
05/20/1983	0530	F3	2	200	0	0	\$25,000	Dupont
01/31/1983	2130	F3	5	100	1	2	\$250,000	2 S Bunkie - 2 NNW Evergreen
12/27/1982	1200	F0	2	50	0	0	\$0	2 SE Plaquemine
12/27/1982	1130	F1	1	50	0	0	\$100,000	Mansura
09/11/1982	2130	F2	0.75	100	0	0	\$250,000	Moreauville
06/23/1974	1600	F0	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	1 SE Plaquemine
02/18/1974	2100	F2	0.5	25	0	0	\$25,000	Plaquemine
04/17/1973	0230	F1	1	220	0	0	\$250,000	8 SE Marksville
07/11/1965	1700	F0	1	30	0	0	\$0	2 NW Moreauville
01/22/1965	1205	F2	2	70	0	2	\$25,000	2 NW Effie - 4 N Effie
11/27/1964	1945	F2	5	100	0	1	\$25,000	3 SW Marksville - 4 E Marksville
03/30/1961	1600	F2	6	800	0	1	\$250,000	Plaquemine - 6 NE Plaquemine
12/22/1956	1200	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	?
05/13/1950	1130	F1	2	25	0	0	\$25,000	4 NW Bordelonville
03/30/1945	1225	F2	?	?	0	0	\$24,000	Bunkie
11/06/1943	2115	F2	5	100	0	0	\$100,000	Marksville
06/10/1942	1015	?	?	100	0	0	\$0	?
12/25/1941	1230	F0	1?	50	0	0	\$0	Goudeau
4/7/1940?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Brouillette
05/05/1934	1500	F2	13	80	1	15	?	2 ENE Cheneyville - 2 E Mansura
08/11/1924	1600	F2	2	?	1	3	?	6 WSW Marksville
04/24/1908	0500	F4	15	700	0	13	?	1 ENE Ruby - 4 N Brouillette
				TOTALS	3	42	\$3,420,500	40
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes





#### **December 17, 1995**

One roof was blown off a residence and one barn destroyed in Effie. Several trees and power lines were blown down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 29, 1994**

A tornado touched down in Bunkie damaging several buildings, toppling trees, and snapping power poles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 4, 1993**

A northeast-southwest line of numerous thunderstorms moving southeast at 20 mph produced a tornado in Avoyelles parish. The tornado began in Bunkie around 0315 CST. The tornado moved on an east-northeast path to Cottonport where three people were injured when the tornado destroyed their mobile home. Two of these casualties were hospitalized according to Louisiana Office of Health and Hospitals survey. The tornado then turned northeast going through the towns of Long Bridge, Moreauville, and Bordelonville before ending about 0330 CST. An American Red Cross damage survey found 60 homes and farm buildings were damaged. Two single family homes and three mobile homes were destroyed. Thirteen single family homes and two mobile homes suffered major damage. Thirty-one single family homes and four mobile homes suffered minor damage. Most of the damage was in the Bunkie area according to newspaper accounts. In addition, several businesses including an electrical cooperative and a warehouse lost their roofs. In Moreauville, a furniture business and a lumber yard were damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

*Author's note: It is likely that several tornadoes occurred along this path, rather than one long track tornado. Further research is required to determine the number of tornadoes that occurred. (Shamburger 2009)*

#### **April 20, 1992**

A small tornado moving northeast at 30 mph took off the roofs of several homes, destroyed several outbuildings, and knocked down several trees near Plaucheville. One of these trees fell on top of a truck and injured the driver who had to be hospitalized. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 19, 1991**

A tornado moving rapidly north along the border of Rapides and Avoyelles Parishes moved into Avoyelles Parish southwest of Effie. The tornado then moved northeast towards Effie where it did heavy damage to

Parish southwest of Effie. The tornado then moved northeast towards Effie where it did heavy damage to the roof and porch of a home. In addition, it destroyed a camper trailer and a 16 foot by 16 foot storage shed. One man was injured from flying debris in Effie. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 21, 1990**

A tornado touched down along an intermittent path, from near Center Point to just east of Deville. Near Center Point, a truck was blown off the road, several outbuildings were damaged or destroyed, and numerous trees downed. In the vicinity of Deville, three mobile homes were destroyed, and ten houses damaged. There were no reported injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 7, 1989**

A severe thunderstorm near Marksville produced a tornado which heavily damaged a house and injured the two occupants. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 29, 1988**

2 people were injured near Bunkie when a tornado destroyed one house and heavily damaged another. Several farm buildings were also severely damaged and 25 power poles were snapped. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 7, 1984**

A tornado touched down in Moreauville destroying two homes, downing power lines, and destroying numerous trees and outbuildings. Three persons received minor injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 20, 1983**

A tornado struck the town of Dupont destroying 3 mobile homes and severely damaging 3 other homes. Also, a number of barns and outbuildings were destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **January 31, 1983**

A tornado touched down about 2 miles south of Bunkie, and moved northeastward for a distance of 5 miles. Damage was mainly to farm buildings until it struck a mobile home where one child was killed and 2 other persons were injured. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 27, 1982**

Tornado damage was noted along a 2 mile long path near the town of Plaquemine. Damage was mainly to trees. Late reports indicate a funnel was observed near where the damage occurred. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 27, 1982**

A tornado severely damaged several building near the town of Mansura. A farm service center received damaged in excess of \$100,000. The path was short and narrow. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 27, 1982**

A tornado struck the town of Eunice. The main damage was in the western sections of town. Police witnessed the funnel touching down, traveling about a mile, then lifting. Severe damage occurred to several houses along with uprooted trees and downed power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 11, 1982**

A tornado accompanying the remnants of Tropical Storm Chris touched down briefly in Moreauville. Four apartments in a complex were severely damaged. Also at least two automobiles were destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 23, 1974**

A small tornado touched down in Plaquemine area late Sunday afternoon. Several garages and barns were demolished and many trees uprooted. No injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 18, 1974**

Tornado destroyed a new brick home, unroofed another, and damaged power lines in Plaquemine. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 17, 1973**

A tornado hit 8 miles southeast of Marksville. No information concerning damaged structures is available. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 11, 1965**

Tornado reported sighted in the parish. Five utility poles were knocked down across the Bunkie-Hessmer highway. Mansura residents said afternoon rain one of the heaviest in past 10 years. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 22, 1965**

About 1.5 miles northwest of Effie, during heavy rain, a tornado, accompanied by a loud roar, moved from southwest to northeast. A woman who watched the tornado cross a field said, "It looked like smoke being blown by the wind". It touched ground for about one mile, cut a path through pine trees, crossed Highway 107, lifted a trailer home off its blocks, and tossed it over 50 feet away. The trailer walls and roof were scattered over a 100 yard stretch, with lighter pieces found in trees 1/4 mile away. Its occupants, a woman and mother-in-law, were injured. The tornado damaged two barns, two garages, five outhouses, and five houses. One butane tank was pulled out and thrown 300 yards, and signs on a service station were knocked down. A postmaster reported, "This tornado dipped down in two places", with the last touchdown at 12:30 PM four miles north of Effie Post Office, with a path about 1/2 mile, some timber blown down, and one cow killed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 27, 1964**

A tornado touched down 3 miles southwest of Marksville in the Hessmer community, where it tornado blew down trees, damaged garages, and overturned a car. The tornado then touched down every 700 or 800 yards over a 5 mile path, which curved into the Spring Bayou area east of Marksville. Three houses were hit in the Marksville area, where one girl suffered minor injuries. In the Spring Bayou area, a house trailer was blown over and 2 fishing camps were destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

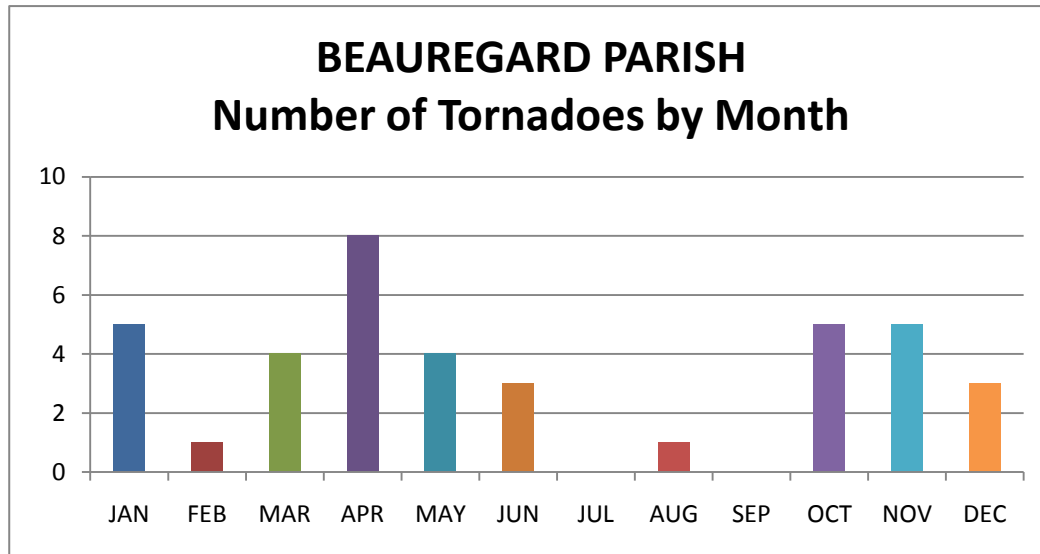
**March 30, 1961**

Tornado moved towards the northeast from Plaquemine through Chinquepin and Choepick communities. Attended by hail and rain. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 22, 1956**

## Beauregard Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
05/15/2008	0325	EF0	0.25	25	0	0	\$5,000	5 E Carson - 5 ESE Carson
05/15/2008	0315	EF1	5	50	0	2	\$100,000	3 WSW Shear - 2 SW De Ridder Airport
10/12/2006	1505	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	3 N Dry Creek
04/29/2006	?	F1	1	25	0	0	\$10,000	4 E De Ridder?
11/26/2003	2150	F2	16	100	0	5	\$1,000,000	Carson - 12 E De Ridder
10/29/2002	0055	F1	1	20	0	2	\$300,000	6 SE Oretta
12/12/2001	1112	F1	2	10	0	0	\$100,000	5 W De Ridder - 2 NW De Ridder
10/13/2001	0405	F1	1	10	0	0	\$50,000	Merryville
03/02/1999	1945	F1	4	100	0	0	\$25,000	10 SE Fields - 12 SE Fields
03/02/1999	1918	F1	6	200	0	0	\$50,000	Bancroft - 4 WNW Fields
01/02/1999	0150	F2	5	400	0	0	\$50,000	4 W Sugartown - 3 N Sugartown
01/02/1999	0150	F1	3	400	0	0	\$50,000	4 S Dry Creek - 2 SE Dry Creek
01/02/1999	0125	F2	1	100	0	0	\$50,000	4 S Ragley
10/23/1997	1955	F1	5	20	0	0	\$25,000	6 SW De Ridder - 4 SE De Ridder
10/23/1997	1925	F2	4	200	0	4	\$500,000	3 SW Merryville - 1 NE Merryville
04/12/1996	2100	F0	0.1	10	0	0	\$15,000	5 W De Ridder
05/18/1995	1335	F1	0.3	30	0	0	\$2,500	6 S De Ridder
01/27/1995	1000	F0	0.75	25	0	0	\$0	5 NW Longville
01/22/1995	1730	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$0	Ragley
04/07/1993	1730	F2	5	100	0	5	\$250,000	Dry Creek
04/07/1993	1715	F2	3	100	0	0	\$2,500,000	Singer
04/07/1993	1700	F0	1	100	0	0	\$0	10 SW Fields
06/03/1992	1520	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	9 SW De Ridder
11/19/1991	2030	F1	0.5	20	0	0	\$25,000	Dry Creek
04/27/1990	2015	F1	0.8	30	0	0	\$2,500	Bon Ami
04/27/1990	2000	F1	3	75	0	0	\$25,000	Merryville - 3 SE Merryville
06/07/1989	2130	F2	5	75	0	6	\$250,000	5 N Longville - 8 WNW Dry Creek
11/16/1987	1030	F1	0.5	75	0	1	\$250,000	Singer
06/12/1982	1300	F1	0	10	0	0	\$0	5 W Dequincy
08/28/1978	2215	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	De Ridder
05/10/1974	1955	F1	2	35	0	0	\$108,000	1 W De Ridder
12/03/1973	2115	F2	1.5	100	0	5	\$2,500,000	S De Ridder
11/20/1973	1125	F1	5	100	0	1	\$25,000	7 SSE De Ridder - 10 SE De Ridder
03/17/1970	0455	F1	1	50	0	0	\$2,500	5 SE Singer
02/01/1968	1750	F1	0	33	0	0	\$2,500,000	Carson
12/11/1961	1345	F0	1	50	0	3	\$25,000	1 N De Ridder
04/04/1955	1505	F1	1	500	0	0	\$15,000	Sugartown
03/09/1949	1130	F2	5	50	0	1	\$18,000	De Ridder - 4 NE De Ridder
11/14/1947	1230	F3	2	60	0	17	\$500,000	De Ridder
03/02/1905	?	?	?	?	?	?	\$0	De Ridder
TOTALS					0	52	\$11,378,500	39
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



#### **October 23, 1997**

A second tornado touched down in Beauregard Parish. This one, an F1, touched down around 8:55 pm in the Mennonite community south of DeRidder. Fortunately, this storm passed over mostly farmland and wooded acreage. Around five homes were damaged, and two barns were destroyed. The most serious damage occurred on North Mennonite Road, where two barns were destroyed, and the roof was blown off one home. The debris from these buildings was blown across a field for over a quarter of a mile. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **October 23, 1997**

An F2 tornado touched down around 3 miles southwest of Merryville along Highway 389 at 8:25 pm, and moved directly through the center of the town before dissipating 1 mile northeast of Merryville. Around ninety homes and businesses received some kind of damage. Most of the damage occurred when large trees fell on homes. Twelve permanent single family homes and fifteen mobile homes were destroyed. The most devastating damage occurred on Cooper Road, where several mobile homes were either picked up or rolled. People in the mobile homes survived by going to their bathrooms and covering up with blankets. Five minor injuries were reported; they were all treated and released from a local hospital. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **April 12, 1996**

A small tornado briefly touched down in a field, blowing several trees onto power lines. One mobile home lost a roof, and a barn nearby was destroyed. No one was injured. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **May 18, 1995**

South of DeRidder a tornado touched down, damaging several house roofs and sheared off trees. Tornado path length and width estimated. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **January 27, 1995**

A logger observed a tornado moving through a wooded area 5 miles northwest of Longville. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **January 22, 1995**

A tornado touched down briefly in Ragley. *(NWS Storm Data)*

**April 7, 1993**

A cluster of thunderstorms produced a tornado that moved along an intermittent path that began 10 miles southwest of Fields. The tornado moved northeast through Fields and Singer then turned east before ending in Dry Creek. A damage survey conducted by the Beauregard Parish emergency manager showed that 3 single family homes were destroyed, 4 single family homes, 5 mobile homes and 2 businesses received major damage, and 8 single family homes and 5 mobile homes suffered minor damage. The majority of this property damage was in the Singer and Dry Creek areas where 5 people were injured. In addition, the tornado destroyed hundreds of trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

*Author's note: It is a near certainty that several tornadoes occurred along this path, rather than one long track tornado. Further research is required to determine the number of tornadoes that occurred. (Shamburger 2009)*

**June 3, 1992**

An unusually strong upper-level trough spawned a small tornado 10 miles south of DeRidder that moved to 5 miles south of Sugartown. A mobile home was blown off its foundation about 10 miles south of DeRidder. Numerous trees and power lines were blown down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

*Author's note: It is more likely that several tornadoes occurred along this path, rather than one long track tornado. Further research is required to determine the number of tornadoes that occurred. (Shamburger 2009)*

**November 19, 1991**

A small tornado did about \$20,000 damage to a church in Dry Creek where it ripped the shingles off its roof and heavily damaged one of its brick walls. Roof shingles from the church were found about 0.5 miles away. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 27, 1990**

A tornado briefly touched down south of DeRidder. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 27, 1990**

Near Merryville, a combination of tornado and downbursts from an intense thunderstorm produced a 3 mile long damage path oriented northwest to southeast through a mainly forested area. The damage path ranged up to 150 yards wide in a few locations. Several houses and businesses in Merryville had minor damage from the tornadic storm. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 7, 1989**

12 homes were heavily damaged or destroyed, and six persons suffered minor injuries in an area north of Longville. In this heavily forested area, trees were snapped off approximately 25 feet above their base over an area five miles long, and in some locations, several hundred yards wide, attesting to the large size and strength of the vortex. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 16, 1987**

At Singer, a tornado destroyed 2 mobile homes, causing one minor injury. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 12, 1982**

A small tornado was observed for a short time in a field 5 miles west of Dequincy. No reported damage other than to vegetation. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 28, 1978**

A mobile home was picked off the ground and the roof exploded even though the home was tied

A mobile home was picked off the ground and the roof exploded even though the home was tied down. Occupants said there was a sudden loud noise like a train before the roof disappeared. This tornado was spawned by Tropical Storm Debra. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 10, 1974**

Tornado totally destroyed 1 home and damaged 18 others in the Airport Addition on the western side of the city. Insurance companies estimated losses at \$108,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 3, 1973**

Tornado struck southern portion of downtown DeRidder, caused major damage to homes and businesses. Approximately 200 residences and dozens of businesses sustained moderate to heavy damage. Extensive damage was done to power and telephone lines. Wind gust of 100 mph recorded at DeRidder Airport. Five minor injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 20, 1973**

Tornado struck 10 miles southwest of DeRidder and moved east-northeastward to near Glenmora. Damaged mobile homes, houses, and barns and uprooted trees. Path on ground not continuous. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 17, 1970**

Small tornado, moving southwest to northeast, touched down in rural area some 5 miles southeast of Singer. The tornado moved up a road damaging home roof and chimney, barn roof, and shattering outhouses. Electrical high lines were blown down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **February 1, 1968**

A small funnel 3 miles south of De Ridder in open area damaged electric lines and uprooted trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 11, 1961**

Touched down briefly on north edge of DeRidder. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 4, 1955**

Tornado at Sugartown uprooted trees, broke telephone poles, and lifted objects into the air. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 9, 1949**

Moved northeast, unroofing or damaging 15 homes at DeRidder, and destroying a barn at Ikes, four miles further to the northeast. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

#### **November 14, 1947**

Moved northeast, destroying 30 homes and businesses at DeRidder. Fifty other buildings were damaged. The city hall was unroofed. \$500,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

#### **1888?**

The July 26, 1924 DeRidder Enterprise stated: "The first house in DeRidder was made of logs and covered with board shingles, split by hand from the logs of the forest. It was constructed in 1893 and was the old homestead house of Calvin Shirley, who was the original owner of the land upon which the first business house and residence of DeRidder were built. Mr. Shirley homesteaded the 160 acres which was later platted and became the Original Townsite of DeRidder. At the time of this entry there was very little of the land in this section not privately owned. From 1880 to 1885 thousands of thousands of acres of the timbered lands were taken up by large timber corporations leaving tracts

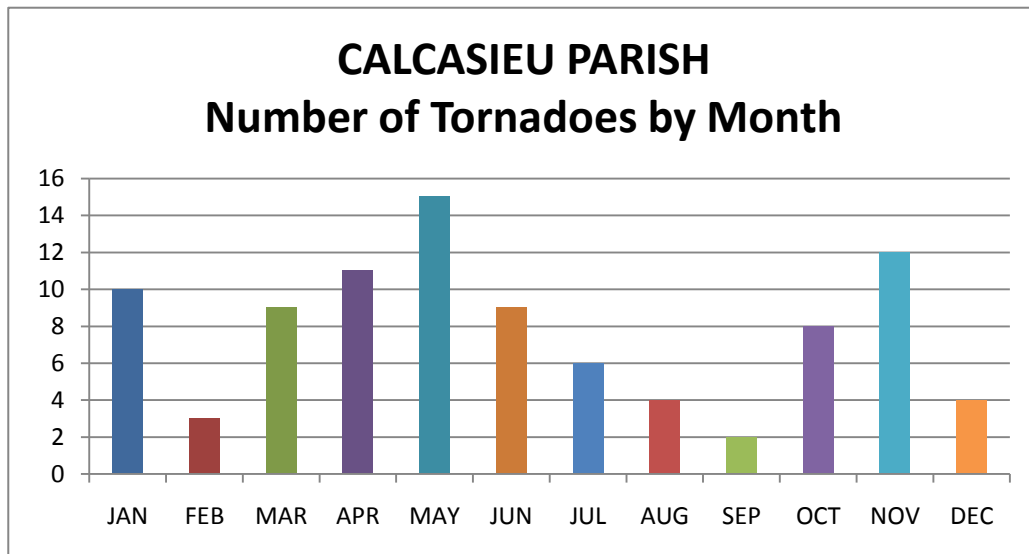
not so heavily timbered. About 10 years prior to this a cyclone or hurricane had blown down a great quantity of timber on the DeRidder tract. The timber scouts coming through passed up the 160 acres located here because of the scarcity of timber". Note 1: It seems certain that it was it was a tornado and not a hurricane that blew down the DeRidder trees 1888. Note 2: Today, large companies still own about 2 out of every 3 acres in Beauregard Parish. (*Beauregard Parish Public Library* - <http://library.beau.org/history/BPHistry/>)



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Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
05/14/2009	0945	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 SSW Denge
02/21/2008	1418	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 S Vincent
11/14/2006	?	F0	0.5	10	0	0	\$0	4 E Vinton
11/22/2004	1330	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Iowa
12/30/2002	2355	F1	3	20	0	1	\$7,000,000	2 W Iowa - 1 N Iowa
10/29/2002	0053	F0	1	20	0	0	\$10,000	3 NE Dequincy - 4 NE Dequincy
11/28/2001	0455	F0	1	10	0	0	\$1,000	5 E Vinton
04/03/2000	0410	F1	5	20	0	5	\$100,000	10 S Lake Charles - 12 S Lake Charles
03/02/1999	1955	F2	4	75	0	0	\$75,000	14 NW Sulphur - 10 NW Sulphur
01/06/1999	1630	F0	1	10	0	0	\$0	8 SW Lake Charles
01/02/1999	0230	F2	4	400	0	2	\$250,000	2 SW Hayes - 2 NE Hayes
01/02/1999	0150	F1	3	50	0	0	\$75,000	5 SW Sulphur - 4 SE Sulphur
01/02/1999	0105	F0	3	100	0	0	\$25,000	2 NW Sulphur - 3 NE Sulphur
10/06/1998	1020	F0	1	10	0	0	\$50,000	8 SW Lake Charles
01/12/1998	0445	F0	0.5	10	0	0	\$50,000	10 N Sulphur
03/14/1995	1855	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	2 S Holmwood
06/19/1993	1525	F0	0.1	10	0	0	\$250	0.25 SE Lake Charles Regional Airport
04/07/1993	1525	F0	5	30	0	0	\$50,000	Starks - 5 NE Starks
11/21/1992	1930	F3	3	75	0	2	\$2,500,000	1 SW Iowa - 2 NE Iowa
06/30/1992	1438	F1	0.5	20	0	0	\$2,500	Dequincy
06/26/1992	1915	F1	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	Chennault Airport
06/05/1991	1900	F0	0.5	15	0	0	\$25,000	Lake Charles
05/08/1991	1540	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	2 E Starks
05/05/1991	0345	F0	0.2	18	0	0	\$2,500	Iowa
12/21/1990	1226	F1	1	200	0	0	\$250,000	Carlyss
10/21/1990	1245	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$0	1 E Vinton
07/03/1990	1600	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	7 NE Moss Bluff
06/27/1990	1325	F0	0.2	25	0	0	\$0	10 W Lake Charles
05/27/1990	1700	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	Sulphur
03/29/1990	1927	F1	0.3	25	0	0	\$25,000	Iowa
05/18/1989	1120	F1	0.4	30	0	0	\$0	Vinton
05/14/1989	1354	F0	0.5	35	0	0	\$0	15 NW Lake Charles
10/26/1988	1100	F0	0.3	20	0	0	\$0	Lake Charles
10/26/1988	1030	F1	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	Sulphur
07/16/1988	1535	F0	0.25	20	0	0	\$0	Gillis
05/21/1988	0635	F1	0.8	75	0	1	\$25,000	Hayes
12/06/1987	1430	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$25,000	Vinton
11/16/1987	0315	F1	2.5	50	0	2	\$250,000	Edgerly
11/15/1987	2003	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$2,500	4 NW Lake Charles Airport
11/15/1987	1950	F0	0.5	25	0	0	\$2,500	1 NW Lake Charles Airport
07/29/1987	1515	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	Holmwood
08/25/1985	1839	F1	0.7	25	0	0	\$2,500	4 N Starks
11/23/1983	0515	F1	1	100	0	0	\$250,000	Moss Bluff
05/21/1983	1500	F1	0.1	50	0	0	\$0	Carlyss
05/20/1983	1213	F0	0.1	50	0	0	\$0	Moss Bluff
01/31/1983	1930	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	Westlake
05/24/1982	1000	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 N Dequincy
08/26/1980	1938	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	3 E Lake Charles Airport
08/26/1980	1929	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	2 S Iowa
10/22/1979	0915	F2	1	500	0	11	\$2,000,000	Sulphur
09/19/1977	1050	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	5 SSE Lake Charles Airport
05/25/1977	1600	F0	0	10	0	0	\$500	Vinton
04/30/1975	1430	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$25,000	Sulphur
01/10/1975	0525	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$25,000	Vinton
07/16/1974	1645	F1	1	27	0	0	\$2,500	3 S Vinton
05/31/1974	1100	F2	1	50	0	0	\$250,000	S Sulphur
05/31/1974	1030	F1	1	25	0	2	\$25,000	2 E Lake Charles - 2 ENE Lake Charles
05/26/1974	1930	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Sam Houston Jones State park
06/20/1973	1510	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$2,500	5 ENE Starks
04/17/1973	0930	F1	0.25	10	0	0	\$15,000	3 ENE Lake Charles

04/17/1973	0830	F1	0.25	10	0	0	\$5,000	W Lake Charles
04/17/1973	0730	F1	0.25	10	0	1	\$10,000	Carlyss
07/14/1972	1320	F0	1	50	0	0	\$0	5 SE Deweyville
07/11/1972	1545	F1	0.25	30	0	1	\$25,000	Chloe
02/12/1971	0350	F3	3	150	0	1	\$2,500,000	Lake Charles
04/05/1969	0508	F1	1	30	0	0	\$25,000	Hayes
04/05/1969	0508	F1	1	30	0	0	\$0	1.5 S Lake Charles
03/23/1969	1220	F1	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	5 SE Holmwood
03/23/1969	1210	F0	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	10 E Chennault Airport
03/23/1969	1120	F1	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	3 E Vinton
12/30/1968	1702	F1	1	30	0	0	\$25,000	1.5 N Dequincy
01/22/1965	1115	F1	1	50	0	1	\$25,000	Iowa
01/22/1965	1020	F2	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	Gillis
01/22/1965	1000	F1	2	50	0	5	\$25,000	Maplewood - Mossville
06/18/1962	0913	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	10 SSE Chennault Airport
04/27/1962	1900	F1	1	100	0	0	\$25,000	Carlyss
03/17/1961	0130	F2	5	300	0	0	\$250,000	Dequincy
02/17/1960	1800	F1	1	100	0	0	\$25,000	6 NW Lake Charles
06/03/1959	1615	F2	1	100	0	0	\$25,000	1 NW Dequincy
03/05/1959	0400	F0	1	30	0	0	\$250	4 N Hackberry
05/24/1958	1500	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Holmwood
11/07/1957	2220	F1	1	25	0	0	\$25,000	Mossville
04/27/1957	1740	F2	1	200	0	0	\$25,000	Carlyss
08/01/1956	1000	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 W Lake Charles
02/14/1956	1400	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	4 NE Orange
10/25/1953	0330	F1	1	30	0	0	\$4,000	SW Lake Charles
04/29/1953	0937	F1	1	30	0	0	\$2,000	Chennault Airport
08/22/1951	1500	F1	1	30	0	0	\$5,000	3 NW Sulphur
03/19/1950	0730	F1	2	30	0	2	\$15,000	Dequincy
11/07/1947	0200	F2	8	175	0	0	\$10,000	7 NE Hackberry - 6 S Lake Charles
11/07/1947	0130	F2	?	100	0	0	\$4,000	2 SE Dequincy
10/30/1941	0930	F2	0.5	100	0	2	\$20,000	SE Lake Charles
06/07/1941	0955	F2	1	200	3	8	?	3 NW Dequincy
02/08/1935	2310	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Dequincy
01/22/1923	0400	F2	1	50	2	7	\$1,000,000	NE Lake Charles
05/08/1919	1155	F2	5	70	0	4	?	N Vinton - Edgerly
11/12/1889	?	F2	3	40	0	3	?	1 W Edgerly
				TOTALS	5	61	\$17,584,500	97
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



**January 12, 1998**

A 100 mph wind storm hit the area, causing damage to homes and businesses.

A small tornado touched down north of Sulphur at a horse farm. One barn was destroyed, and a race horse inside was killed from flying debris. The storm was on the ground for less than one minute, and was observed by the farm owner. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 14, 1995**

Tornado touched down in a rice field south of Holmwood. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 19, 1993**

A small, brief tornado destroyed a 600 lbs. kennel fence about 1/4 mile southeast of the National Weather Service Lake Charles office. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 7, 1993**

A small tornado destroyed a few barns along a path that began in Starks and ended about 5 miles northeast of Starks. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 21, 1992**

A strong tornado moved along an intermittent path that began just southwest of Iowa in Calcasieu Parish around 7:30 PM CST. The tornado continued northeast through Iowa by 7:50 PM CST where it destroyed 5 homes, damaged 14 homes and 4 businesses including an outlet mall. The outlet mall had part of its roof torn off and several I-beams twisted. The outlet mall sustained some \$100,000 in damage. The tornado crossed Interstate 10 where it caused a 3 car accident. Fortunately, only 2 people received minor injuries in Iowa. The tornado then moved into Jefferson Davis Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 30, 1992**

The Dequincy Police Department reported that a small tornado moving east at 15 mph destroyed a canopy of a gas station, damaged some metal buildings, overturned some portable business signs, and blew down some trees and power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 26, 1992**

A small tornado damaged the roofs of four hangars at the Chennault Airport. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 5, 1991**

A small tornado blew down part of a 65,000 square foot building that was under construction in Lake Charles. A nearby mobile home that was being used as a temporary office was destroyed along with a \$4,000 business sign. Finally, the tornado tore the roof off a warehouse and threw the debris on three cars parked nearby. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 8, 1991**

A pilot observed a small tornado near Starks. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 5, 1991**

A small tornado downed power lines near Iowa. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 21, 1990**

A tornado touched down in the community of Carlyss, south of Sulphur. Destruction included one mobile home, the second floor from a house, and minor damage to 20 other houses. Several trees were toppled, and numerous branches were snapped in two. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 21, 1990**

Louisiana State Police spotted a tornado which touched down briefly in an open field east of

Vinton. No damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 3, 1990**

A tornado touched down briefly northeast of Lake Charles. No damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 27, 1990**

A thunderstorm west of Lake Charles produced 1 inch hail and spawned a weak tornado which touched down briefly. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 27, 1990**

A brief tornado touched down in Sulphur, with no damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 29, 1990**

A short-lived tornado occurred near Iowa. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 14, 1989**

A pilot reported a tornado over open country northwest of Lake Charles. No damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 26, 1988**

A tornado briefly touched down in Lake Charles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 26, 1988**

At Sulphur, a tornado skipped along an intermittent path, moving a small building off its foundation and downing trees in a park. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 16, 1988**

A tornado touched down briefly near Gillis, but no damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 21, 1988**

*No information on this tornado is listed in Storm Data. (NWS Storm Data)*

**December 6, 1987**

Tornado touched down near Vinton, destroying one mobile home, moving several mobile homes off their foundations, and taking the roofs off a few homes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 16, 1987**

Near Edgerly, 2 children suffered minor injuries as the mobile home they were in was destroyed by a tornado. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 15, 1987**

Several tornadoes were reported in the southwest portion of Lake Charles, just northwest of the Lake Charles airport, damaging trees and a few house roofs. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 29, 1987**

The public reported a tornado that touched down near Holmwood, uprooted trees, and took the roof off a garage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 23, 1983**

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to the north of Lake Charles, a tornado developed, striking several homes in the community of Moss Bluff. The damage path was 50-100 yards wide and a mile long. Two of the houses struck were severely damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 21, 1983**

A tornado was sighted at the intersection of Highways 27 and 108 in Carlyss. Only minor damage resulted. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

A tornado was observed to touch down briefly by the Sheriff near the community of Moss Bluff. There was no reported damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 31, 1983**

A small tornado touched down in the town of Westlake, west of Lake Charles. Roof and window damage was reported along with severe damage to trees and power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 24, 1982**

A small tornado was observed to touch down on a farm 1 mile north of Dequincy, where it hit a large bull knocking it to the ground. After a few minutes the bull got up and staggered off. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 26, 1980**

A violent thunderstorm moving through the area spawned a tornado which touched down just south of Iowa. The tornado, moving southwest, went through a subdivision and destroyed a 28 foot pontoon boat, blew the porch off a residence, moved a pickup truck 300 feet, and tore up a chain link fence. The highest wind gust recorded at Lake Charles Municipal Airport was 53 mph. The storm was estimated to have been moving at 60 mph. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 22, 1979**

A line of thunderstorms moving through Southwest Louisiana produced a tornado which struck the town of Sulphur. An estimated \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in damage was left in the wake of the storm with 11 injuries although none serious. Seven of the injured were school children from an elementary school, one of the first structures hit. The other injuries were scattered cuts and bruises. A total of 59 trailers, 13 homes, 7 businesses, the elementary school, and a church incurred damage. The tornado was on the ground about a mile and moved from southwest to northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 19, 1977**

State police reported a tornado touched down briefly about five miles south-southeast of Lake Charles Airport. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 25, 1977**

Minor damage to roadside park and trees alongside I-10 near Vinton. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 30, 1975**

Tornado hit in Sulphur/Carlyss area, damaging barns, roofs, house trailers, and trees. Picked up a boat and dumped it in a field. Numerous reports of damaging winds around the parish, with several additional reports of funnel sand tornadoes not verified. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 10, 1975**

Small tornado damaged a house, mobile home, and arena in Vinton. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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**May 31, 1974**

A tornado ripped the south part of Sulphur demolishing a church and severely damaging a bank and other businesses along Ruth Street. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 31, 1974**

Tornado touched down in eastern Lake Charles about 10:30 AM and "skittered along Highway 14, touching down a half dozen times, but leaving relatively mild damage and only minor injuries." Last damage was in the eastern part of Moss Bluff. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 26, 1974**

A tornado was reported by the public and indicated by radar near Sam Houston State Park, northwest of Lake Charles. Damage unknown. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 20, 1973**

State Police reported tornado hit farm 21 miles west-northwest of Lake Charles. A barn was demolished. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 17, 1973**

A tornado destroyed one mobile home 3 miles east-northeast of Lake Charles. Three mobile homes sustained considerable damage, and two small buildings were destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 17, 1973**

This tornado destroyed a garage in western Lake Charles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 17, 1973**

Several small tornadoes occurred in the Lake Charles area. At least three people report having seen funnels. According to one person, "I saw twisters jumping around in the hail and rain." Golf ball size hail was also reported. This first tornado 10 miles west-southwest of Lake Charles near Carlyss lifted a mobile home and dropped it nearly 300 feet away, resulting in one minor injury and major damage to the trailer. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 14, 1972**

Tornado moved northeastward from Texas. There was no known damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 11, 1972**

A small tornado touched down briefly along Highway 90 near Chloe, east of Lake Charles. One mobile home was destroyed, another damaged, and several trees blown down. Storm accompanied by marble size hail. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 12, 1971**

Tornado moving east-northeastward touched down near Ryan and Sallier Streets in downtown Lake Charles, then skipped some 9 blocks to the area bounded by Third and Broad Streets, Enterprise Blvd., and Third Avenue, causing major damage in 48 square blocks. The tornado then skipped again to near the intersection of U.S. 90 and U.S. 171. Numerous business establishments suffered damage ranging from slight to heavy, with utility poles snapped. Numerous reports of "freight train" sounds. Little evidence of twisting motion, but numerous instances of explosive decompression and debris carried into wires and trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 5, 1969**

Small tornado touched down at Hayes (15 miles east of Lake Charles) at about the same time as the previous tornado, destroying two barns and damaging a trailer. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 5, 1969**

Public reported small tornado 1.5 miles south of Lake Charles moving northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 23, 1969**

Three small tornadoes struck during passage of heavy squall line (winds 50-60 mph) across southwest Louisiana. This third tornado touched down 5 miles southeast of Holmwood, about 12:20 PM. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 23, 1969**

Three small tornadoes struck during passage of heavy squall line (winds 50-60 mph) across southwest Louisiana. This second tornado hit Boys Village, located 10 miles east of WBO Lake Charles, at 12:10 PM, with some damage to buildings. A small building was shifted 30 feet. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 23, 1969**

Three small tornadoes struck during passage of heavy squall line (winds 50-60 mph) across southwest Louisiana. This first tornado struck 3 miles east of Vinton, about 11:20 AM, and demolished a barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 22, 1965**

A man sleeping in a trailer sustained minor injuries when winds flipped the trailer over. Another trailer was knocked off its foundation. Garage was reportedly toppled, and an automobile overturned twice. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 30, 1968**

State Police reported small tornado 1.5 miles north of Dequincy ripped roof off new residence, destroyed a barn, uprooted trees, and damaged power lines and poles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 22, 1965**

In Gillis, the storm moved from south-southwest to north-northeast. As the tornado descended, it cut a 50 foot path through pine trees, touched down in a clearing, damaging a tool shed, several homes, demolishing a barn, and killing one horse. One house had the roof taken off, the north wall blown out, and foot-tub carried about 1/4 mile to the north-northeast. Trees, two feet in diameter, were twisted off three feet above the ground. As the funnel cloud went aloft, the path was about 150-200 feet wide, with pine trees twisted off at various levels. A woman whose home was destroyed reported the wind ripped the shoes from her feet, but she was not injured. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 22, 1965**

Storm moved north-northeast through Maplewood and Mossville areas. Approximately 150 homes were damaged. Roofing shingles picked up and blown through windows and into wooden siding. Quite a few pine trees above 25 feet in height had tops twisted off. One such tree was deposited on a home in Maplewood and another on a home in Mossville, where a woman and daughter received cuts and bruises. Lots of roofing shingles in Maplewood were standing up as if they had been sucked up. Most of damage occurred on south side of homes. State Police reported several persons in Maplewood area received minor injuries, primarily from flying glass. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 18, 1962**

Pilot reported funnel cloud on ground 10 miles south-southeast of Chennault Airport. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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**April 27, 1962**

Dipped down on 3 farms, ripping roofs from barns, downing trees and utility poles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 17, 1961**

Storm began about 11 PM on March 16th, with heavy thunder, rain, and hail up to 3/4 inch in diameter. At 1:30 AM on the 17th, roaring sound began and in a few minutes 40-60 homes were damaged. Funnel not seen due to driving rain and hail. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 17, 1960**

Passed mostly over swampland, damage mostly to forests. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 3, 1959**

Moved northeast on a short path, blowing down trees 12"-18" in diameter, and destroyed one building 1 mile northeast of Dequincy. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 5, 1959**

Small short-lived tornado knocked down 15 utility poles near the Intracoastal Canal. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 24, 1958**

Occurred near Holmwood in mostly uninhabited area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 7, 1957**

A likely tornado destroyed a hangar at McFillen Airpark south of Lake Charles. (*Shamburger 2009*)

**April 27, 1957**

1 home destroyed, several homes, barns, and fences damaged in village of Carlyss. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**August 1, 1956**

Tornado reported in sparsely populated area west of Lake Charles. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

**April 29, 1953**

Funnel cloud down to within 400 feet of ground, 250 yards southwest of Lake Charles Weather Bureau Station. Winds reached 75 mph, and the barometer fell from 29.36" Hg to 29.12" Hg, then back to 29.34" Hg. High winds damaged several buildings. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)

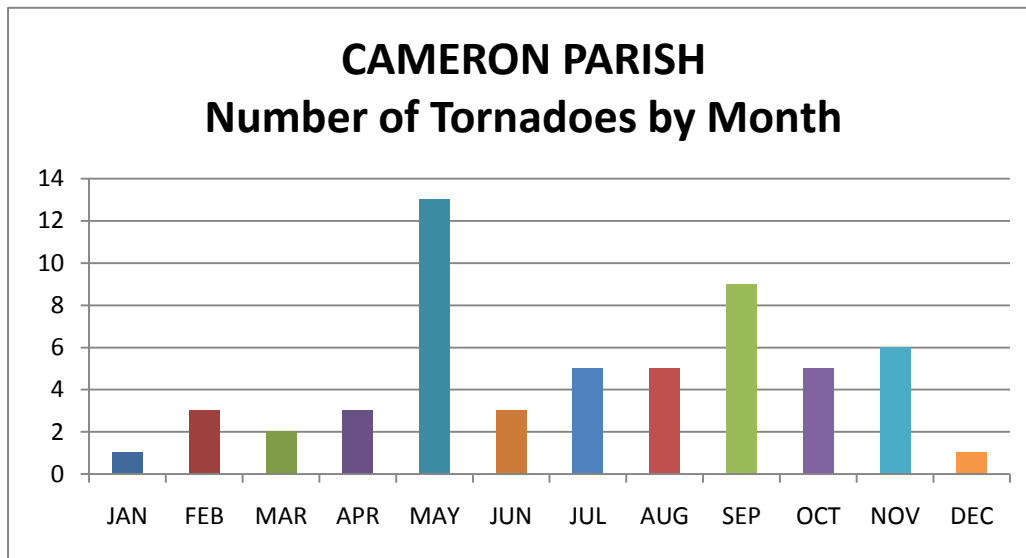
**August 22, 1951**

Occurred 12 miles from Dequincy. (*NWS Climatological Data National Summary*)



## Cameron Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
10/22/2009	1032	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	3 SW Grand Chenier
08/08/2008	1430	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$50,000	1 WSW Johnson's Bayou
02/21/2008	1351	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	12 W Hackberry
10/16/2006	0255	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 W Grand Chenier
04/02/2000	1740	F1	15	20	0	2	\$300,000	5 S Hackberry - 10 ESE Grand Lake
04/02/2000	1730	F0	5	10	0	0	\$0	7 W Hackberry - 2 WNW Hackberry
03/13/1999	0650	F1	1	10	0	3	\$50,000	Johnson's Bayou
05/28/1997	1535	F0	1	20	0	0	\$0	3 NE Creole
05/28/1997	1240	F0	1	15	0	0	\$0	Creole
05/22/1997	1450	F0	0.5	10	0	0	\$0	Creole
12/15/1996	1545	F0	1.5	100	0	0	\$30,000	1.5 W Creole - Creole
07/30/1995	1900	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$0	1 N Holly Beach
09/11/1992	1435	F0	0.1	10	0	0	\$0	Cameron
08/11/1992	1545	F0	0.1	15	0	0	\$0	1 N Cameron
02/22/1992	0908	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Johnson's Bayou
05/08/1991	1825	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$2,500	Cameron
07/01/1990	1134	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	1 W Holly Beach
06/27/1989	0720	F1	2	40	0	2	\$250,000	Hackberry
11/03/1988	1415	F1	1	50	0	0	\$0	Grand Chenier
05/21/1988	0606	F1	0.5	65	0	0	\$25,000	Creole
11/04/1986	2000	F0	0.1	18	0	0	\$2,500	Oak Grove
08/15/1985	1145	F1	0.7	20	0	0	\$25,000	Hackberry
09/21/1984	1305	F1	0	10	0	0	\$250,000	1 W Johnson's Bayou
07/09/1984	0900	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	20 E Cameron
05/20/1984	0410	F3	3	150	0	0	\$1,000,000	1 W Cameron - 2 NE Cameron
05/20/1983	1430	F3	8	200	0	0	\$250,000	3 SW Johnson's Bayou - 5 E Johnson's Bayou
01/31/1983	1741	F0	1	20	0	0	\$0	4 E Johnson's Bayou
05/06/1982	0830	F0	1	50	0	0	\$0	5 W Cameron
06/23/1981	0945	F0	0	7	0	0	\$0	24 S Lake Charles
06/05/1981	1103	F2	0.1	16	0	0	\$2,500	2 W Johnson's Bayou
10/22/1979	0930	F2	1	550	0	6	\$1,000,000	Holly Beach
09/19/1979	1500	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	8 N Grand Chenier
09/03/1978	1450	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Creole
02/12/1978	1820	F1	0.1	50	0	0	\$3,000	1 W Cameron
11/30/1977	0930	F0	0.2	15	0	0	\$0	1 W Oak Grove
11/29/1977	1515	F1	0.1	15	0	1	\$25,000	2 SSE Creole
05/27/1976	0810	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	10 NE Cameron
04/30/1975	1345	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	6 W Holly Beach
10/28/1974	2045	F2	10	75	0	0	\$25,000	9 WSW Cameron - 1 NE Cameron
05/31/1974	1100	F1	0.25	25	0	0	\$2,500	Cameron
05/31/1974	1012	F1	1	25	0	3	\$25,000	Boone's Corner
03/20/1972	2155	F2	0.25	50	0	0	\$25,000	Creole
10/11/1970	2200	F2	1	200	1	2	\$250,000	Sweet Lake
07/24/1970	1243	F0	1	33	0	0	\$0	Boone's Corner
09/15/1968	1040	F1	0	30	0	0	\$2,500	Boone's Corner
09/15/1966	1545	F0	0.1	50	0	0	\$0	Sweet Lake
09/10/1962	1711	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	19 SE Lake Charles Airport
09/10/1962	1525	F0	2	30	0	0	\$0	7 SW Hackberry
09/10/1962	1514	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	25 SW Lake Charles Airport
08/28/1962	2215	F1	0.5	50	2	30	\$200,000	Cameron
08/28/1962	2155	F0	0.5	50	0	0	\$0	Cameron
07/20/1959	1117	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	20 ESE SE TX Regional Airport
05/24/1958	1726	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	30 ESE Lake Charles
05/24/1958	1500	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	35 SE Lake Charles
11/07/1957	1400	F1	1	50	0	1	\$2,500	4 SW Lowry
11/07/1947	0200	F2	7	175	0	0	\$15,000	Hackberry - 7 NE Hackberry
TOTALS					3	50	\$3,815,500	56 Tornadoes



#### **May 28, 1997**

A small tornado touched down in the bayous near Little Chenier, which is a few miles northeast of Creole. No injuries or damages were reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 28, 1997**

A small tornado touched down in the bayous just north of Creole, resulting in no injuries or damages. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 22, 1997**

A small tornado touched down in the bayous near the community of Creole, resulting in no injuries or damages. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 15, 1996**

A small tornado touched down on the south side of Highway 27, in Creole. One home and one barn lost sections of their roofs. Another two homes and one barn sustained minor damage from debris flying into the side of the buildings. A truck passing by on Highway 27 received a broken windshield when debris struck it. No injuries were reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 30, 1995**

A fire department official saw a small tornado develop in a field behind the Holly Beach Fire House. It was only on the ground for five minutes. This storm was in a rainband of Tropical Storm Dean. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 11, 1992**

The sheriff's office reported a waterspout made landfall at Cameron before dissipating. No damage was reported in Cameron. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **August 11, 1992**

The Cameron Parish Sheriff's office reported a small tornado in open country just north of Cameron. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **February 22, 1992**

The Cameron Parish Sheriff's office reported a small tornado in Johnson's Bayou. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 8, 1991**

The Cameron Parish Sheriff reported that a small tornado damaged some buildings in Cameron around 6:25 PM CST. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 3, 1988**

A tornado touched down near Grand Chenier in open country. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 21, 1988**

A tornado touched down near Creole destroying a barn and another outbuilding. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 4, 1986**

A small tornado tore off a porch from a house and broke some tree limbs in Oak Grove. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 15, 1985**

A small tornado formed just south of Hackberry. The tornado damaged two trailers. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 21, 1984**

A tornado touched down at Johnson's Bayou destroying two mobile homes. No injuries reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 9, 1984**

A tornado was observed for a short time about 20 miles east of Cameron. No damaged reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1984**

A tornado touched down west of Cameron and moved through the town. Several buildings were destroyed including a food store, Knights of Columbus Hall, and a swimming pool. Also, 3 mobile homes and a large radio tower were destroyed. A number of buildings were damaged. Total damage exceeded \$1,000,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 20, 1983**

A tornado produced by a supercell thunderstorm moved through the community of Johnson's bayou severely damaging a school, several mobile homes, and oil storage tanks. Tornado damage to outbuildings could be found as far as 5 miles east of town. Local residents said the tornado moved in from the Gulf of Mexico. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 31, 1983**

A tornado was observed by the sheriff department between Holly beach and Johnson's Bayou. No significant damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 6, 1982**

A short lived tornado occurred 5 miles west of Cameron. No damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 23, 1981**

A tornado briefly touched down in marshland 24 miles south of Lake Charles in Cameron Parish at 9:45 AM. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 5, 1981**

A small tornado destroyed a barn near Johnson's Bayou. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 22, 1979**

A line of thunderstorms produced a tornado which struck the small coastal community of Holly Beach. Six people suffered minor injuries with approximately \$1,000,000 in damage. The damage consisted of 21 buildings destroyed, 11 buildings with major damage, and 22 with minor damage. The tornado was on the ground about a mile and moved from southwest to northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 19, 1979**

Sheriff Deputies reported seeing a tornado moving across extreme eastern Cameron parish in open fields and marshland. No damage done. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 3, 1978**

Tornado reported by Air Logistics helicopter pilot near Creole. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 12, 1978**

State Police reported a small tornado just west of Cameron knocked out power lines to the area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 30, 1977**

School officials spotted a small tornado east of Cameron, near Oak Grove. It was moving north through the swamps. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 29, 1977**

South Cameron Elementary School, south of Creole, had roof and doors damaged and tile knocked off ceilings. A number of cars had glass popped out. One woman was injured by glass. The students had been alerted and escaped injury by going into the halls. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 27, 1976**

Cameron Sheriff Department reported funnel touched down briefly about 10 miles northeast of Cameron. Cloud moved northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 30, 1975**

Tornado observed six miles west of Holly Beach. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 28, 1974**

Tornado formed about 8 miles southwest of Cameron and moved northeastward, touching down briefly at Holly Beach and demolishing a house trailer. The tornado then touched down again in Cameron, passing just south of the courthouse where winds were registered at 80 mph. A service station lost its roof. A 150 foot radio tower was knocked down nearby. Two airplanes were damaged extensively at the airstrip. A number of roofs, power lines, and trees were also damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 31, 1974**

Damage was reported in Cameron shortly before another tornado hit Sulphur in Calcasieu Parish. No other details known. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 31, 1974**

Tornado touchdown occurred at Boone's Corner about 10:12 AM. A trailer home was ripped apart and 2 women and an infant boy were injured. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 20, 1972**

Several buildings damaged at Creole. Truck weighing 18,000 pounds moved 100 feet. Storm moved from west to east. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **October 11, 1970**

Nine-month-old baby killed near Sweet Lake. Father's arms broken, mother badly bruised. House trailer demolished, four homes, several barns and sheds damaged. One house moved 80 feet, only one windowpane broken. Storm moved south to north. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **July 24, 1970**

Sighted from WBO Lake Charles, estimated at 15 miles south-southwest. Also sighted from 8 miles south of Holmwood, from Sweet Lake, and from Big Lake. No damage reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **September 15, 1968**

Small tornado at Boone's Corner picked up and demolished garage. Some power lines down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **September 15, 1966**

Storm moved from northwest towards southeast, accompanied by cloudy weather with showers. Two funnel clouds observed in the Sweet Lake area - one over north end of Big Lake; the other touched down then lifted near a farmhouse, flattened all weeds and shrubs in its path, carried sheets of scrap tin aloft, but missed all buildings. A woman in a house reported "The wind only lasted a few seconds". Shrubbery in yard hugged ground, lawn furniture was hurled about, and flower bed metal borders were pulled from the ground. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **September 11, 1962**

Pilot reported funnel touching ground 18-19 miles southeast of McFillen Airpark in Lake Charles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **September 10, 1962**

From 3:25 PM to 3:35 PM, tornado occurred 7 miles southwest of Hackberry in open pasture. Moved from southwest to northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **September 10, 1962**

At 3:14 PM, 25 miles southwest of Lake Charles, pilot reported tornado touching ground. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **August 28, 1962**

Tornado occurred at 10:10 PM to the west of the previous tornado. This tornado was less defined, and showed skips. Possibly two other tornadoes witnessed. Moved from south to north. Both tornado damaged 109 houses and 16 trailers in an area 2.2 miles by 1/2 mile wide. 80 mph wind observed at the courthouse. Winds changed from southeast to west/southwest after tornadoes passed. This tornado was spawned by an unnamed tropical storm. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **August 28, 1962**

Tornado occurred at 9:55 PM, with a path length of 1/2 mile and a path width of 50 yards. This tornado was spawned by an unnamed tropical storm. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **July 20, 1959**

Pilot reported a tornado touched down briefly with no damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### **May 24, 1958**

Occurred in uninhabited area 30 miles east-southeast of Lake Charles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

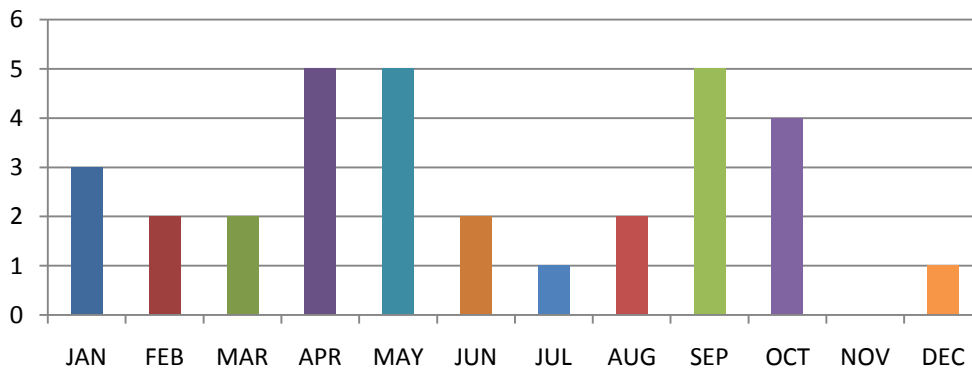
**May 24, 1958**

Occurred in uninhabited area 35 miles southeast of Lake Charles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

## Evangeline Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
12/24/2009	0759	EF0	1	25	0	0	\$2,000	2 SE Chataignier - 1 SE Chataignier
09/12/2008	1525	EF2	3	20	0	0	\$200,000	2 SE Mamou - 1 SW Reddell
09/03/2008	0157	EF2	7	50	2	0	\$300,000	7 NE Basile - 2 WNW Mamou
04/11/2008	1427	EF0	3	50	0	0	\$75,000	2 SSE Chataignier - 4 ESE Chataignier
10/29/2002	0255	F2	5	50	2	3	\$100,000	3 SE Chataignier - 3 NE Chataignier
10/03/2002	1215	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Mamou
10/03/2002	1122	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Turkey Creek
04/02/2000	1725	F1	1	10	0	0	\$50,000	1 SW Mamou
09/11/1998	1656	F1	5	20	0	3	\$2,000,000	Basile
02/26/1998	0908	F1	8	20	0	0	\$1,000,000	Chico State Park - St. Landry
01/12/1998	0300	F1	1	20	0	0	\$150,000	Easton
10/24/1997	0010	F1	1	10	0	0	\$40,000	2 SW Basile - Basile
01/26/1996	0935	F1	1	20	0	3	\$15,000	Chataignier
05/18/1995	1430	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$2,500	Beaver
09/09/1990	1445	F1	0.3	30	0	0	\$2,500	Ville Platte
07/03/1990	1830	F1	0.2	20	0	0	\$2,500	2 W Ville Platte
06/29/1989	0907	F0	0.2	25	0	0	\$0	2 N Vidrine
01/31/1983	1800	F2	3	50	0	0	\$250,000	Vidrine - Millers Lake
09/11/1982	2200	F2	2.5	150	0	0	\$250,000	Vidrine
05/01/1977	1630	F1	3	50	0	0	\$15,000	1 NW Pine Prairie - 4 NE Pine Prairie
08/05/1975	1259	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	7 NW Eunice
08/05/1975	1259	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	5 NW Eunice
05/02/1975	1500	F1	0	27	0	0	\$2,500	Ville Platte
04/30/1975	1525	F1	0.5	50	0	3	\$25,000	3 NNE Turkey Creek
03/20/1974	2230	F1	0.75	15	0	0	\$25,000	Ville Platte
02/21/1974	0850	F1	0	33	0	0	\$2,500	1 E Mamou
03/24/1973	0955	F1	8	50	0	0	\$250,000	6 SW Ville Platte - 2 N Ville Platte
05/24/1970	1800	F2	4	440	0	0	\$25,000	2 N Ville Platte - Chico State Park
06/09/1960	1510	F1	1	30	0	0	\$25,000	2 S Pine Prairie
05/18/1953	1000	F1	1	25	0	0	?	Mamou
12/25/1941	1130	F2	?	200	0	10	\$15,000	2 S Mamou
04/06/1938	1000	F3	5	300	0	4	?	6 E Oakdale - 11 E Oakdale
04/12/1923	0430	F2	2	?	0	6	\$70,000	Meridian
05/13/1908	1230	F2	4	50	1	5	\$15,000	Chataignier
TOTALS					5	37	\$4,959,500	34
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes

## EVANGELINE PARISH Number of Tornadoes by Month



**February 26, 1998**

An F1 tornado touched down in Chicot State Park, and moved northeast across the Park towards St. Landry. A park ranger's residence was damaged, and three vehicles had trees fall on them. At least one hundred trees were downed in the park, which was closed for nearly a week to cleanup the debris. In St. Landry it severely damaged a CLECO power plant, and damaged up to 150 homes and businesses in town. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 12, 1998**

A tornado touched down in Easton, damaging several homes and cars. One mobile home was completely destroyed by the tornado, another home had a tree crash through it, and a third mobile home was moved off its blocks. A garage was also completely demolished, as well as two cars inside of it. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 24, 1997**

A small F1 tornado touched down in northwestern Acadia Parish, around two miles southwest of Basile. This storm moved northeast and passed through sections of Basile in Evangeline Parish before dissipating. The most serious damage occurred in Acadia Parish, along Fournier Road, where several homes received roof and window damage. In Basile, the high school and a rice drier received minor damage when light poles were blown down. Trees and power lines were down for several miles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 26, 1996**

5 hunters sought shelter in a barn near Chataignier when they saw the tornado. The tornado flattened the barn, causing 3 of the men to be injured. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 18, 1995**

A tornado touched down near Beaver damaging a few houses and downing trees. Tornado path length and width estimated. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 9, 1990**

A weak tornado touched down near Ville Platte damaging a mobile home and power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 3, 1990**

A tornado touched down west of Ville Platte causing minor damage to a few house roofs and downing a few trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 29, 1989**

A sheriff's officer observed a tornado north of Vidrine. No damage was reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 31, 1983**

A tornado touched down at Millers Lake, west of Ville Platte, destroying 15 fishing camps. At Vidrine the same storm destroyed 1 barn and downed several fences and trees. Also, Vidrine recorded 4.5 inches of rain during the storm. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 11, 1982**

A tornado associated with the remnants of Tropical Storm Chris struck the small community of Vidrine. The tornado moved from south to north. Approximately 12 houses were either severely damaged or destroyed. Approximately 20 other homes sustained significant roof and window damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)



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**May 1, 1977**

Near Pine Prairie, demolished trailer house and garage, moved frame house several feet off foundation. Touched down several places for three miles along Highway 13. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 5, 1975**

Pilot reported two funnels touched ground 5-7 miles northwest of Eunice. Moved north-northeast. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 2, 1975**

Funnel cloud first observed west of Ville Platte. Apparently touched down briefly, tearing off roofs, downing utility lines and trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 30, 1975**

Barn and several trailers were destroyed near Turkey Creek. Only minor injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 20, 1974**

Several businesses were damaged and a number of roofs were torn off as a tornado moved northeastward across Ville Platte. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 21, 1974**

Small tornado destroyed a 30 X 60 foot barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 24, 1973**

Storm first hit farm 6 miles southwest of Ville Platte, destroyed two barns, damaged dairy and house. The tornado then uprooted trees, and took the roof off a hanger 5 miles southwest of Ville Platte. The tornado was last reported 2 miles north of Ville Platte. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 24, 1970**

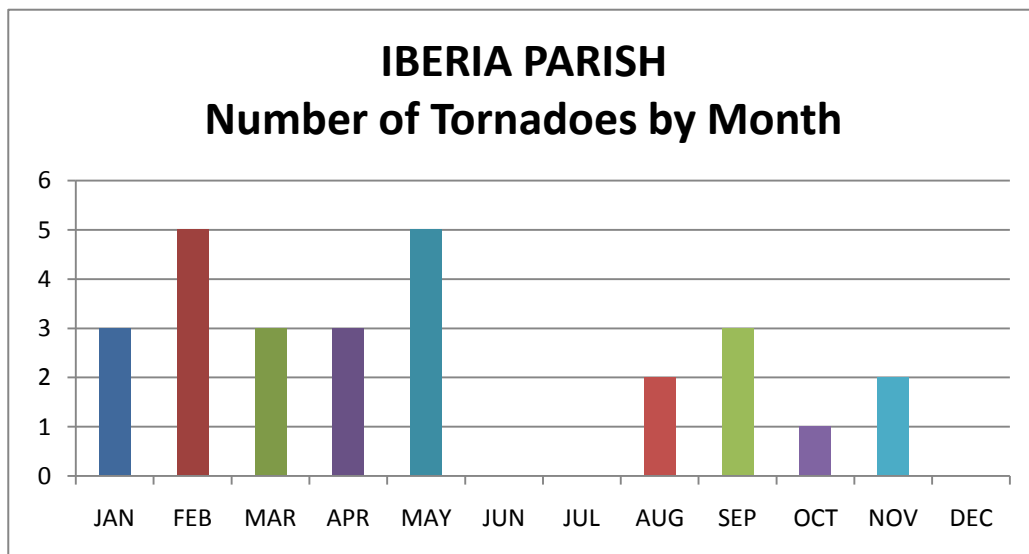
High winds, heavy rain, and hail swept area north of Ville Platte. Small tornado apparently moved west through open country between Tate Cove and Chicot Park Roads then turned northward, snapping off five large powerline poles several feet above ground. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 9, 1960**

*No information is listed on this tornado. (NWS Storm Data)*

## Iberia Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
08/08/2008	1210	EF0	1	20	0	0	\$200,000	1 E New Iberia - 1 SE New Iberia
02/12/2008	1316	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$20,000	Acadiana Regional Airport
02/13/2007	0103	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$30,000	1 W Olivier - Olivier
01/04/2007	1545	F1	15	100	2	15	\$1,500,000	Lydia - Loreauville
09/21/2006	1752	F0	2	50	0	0	\$5,000	8 SW Couteau - 6 SW Couteau
03/02/1999	2125	F1	4	200	0	2	\$2,000,000	1 NW Jeanerette - 1 SE Jeanerette
01/02/1999	0457	F1	1	10	0	0	\$1,500,000	4 NW New Iberia - 1 SE New Iberia
11/10/1998	1115	F0	1	10	0	0	\$20,000	5 SW New Iberia
05/09/1996	0813	F0	2.5	20	0	0	\$0	New Iberia Airport - 2.5 NE New Iberia Airport
05/18/1995	2017	F1	0.5	30	0	0	\$2,500	3 NE New Iberia
03/16/1995	1500	F0	0.5	20	0	0	\$2,500	Weeks Island
02/25/1993	1500	F0	0.3	100	0	0	\$0	3 NE New Iberia
11/21/1992	2130	F2	2	75	0	1	\$125,000	Coteau - 2 NE Coteau
08/21/1990	1600	F0	0.3	15	0	0	\$250	NW New Iberia
05/31/1990	1650	F0	0.25	20	0	0	\$0	15 E New Iberia
05/18/1989	1355	F1	0.3	30	0	1	\$25,000	4 S New Iberia
02/01/1988	0845	F0	0	10	0	0	\$250	New Iberia
05/09/1981	2100	F1	0.1	70	0	0	\$25,000	Acadiana Regional Airport
04/21/1979	0310	F1	4	25	0	2	\$500,000	1 SW Avery Island - 3 NE Avery Island
09/14/1977	0010	F2	0.2	25	0	0	\$25,000	4 E Delcambre
04/30/1975	1600	F2	7	50	0	1	\$250,000	New Iberia - 2 N Loreauville
03/18/1975	0418	F2	3.5	50	0	2	\$250,000	2 SW Coteau - Burke
09/16/1971	0720	F1	2.5	50	0	0	\$5,000	4 NE Loreauville - 1 SE Coteau Holmes
01/22/1965	1300	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	3 ESE New Iberia
04/29/1960	1900	F2	3	500	0	1	\$250,000	Loreauville
04/29/1960	1830	F1	2	500	0	0	\$250,000	New Iberia Airport - 2 NE New Iberia Airport
10/20/1956	1920	F0	0.5	30	0	2	\$10,000	New Iberia
04/04/1952	0315	F2	1	50	0	3	\$510,000	1 S Jeanerette - 1 SE Jeanerette
02/07/1933	0930	F2	1	65	0	2	?	1 W Jeanerette
TOTALS					2	32	\$7,530,500	29 Tornadoes



### May 9, 1996

A landspout developed as a result of the morning heating near New Iberia. The landspout was seen by observers at the airport for 17 minutes. No damage occurred since the landspout was in the unpopulated bayous. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### May 18, 1995

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A tornado touched down near Loreauville Road heavily damaging a home and a mobile home. Tornado length and path width were estimated. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 16, 1995**

A tornado damaged a few buildings at an industrial plant in Weeks Island. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 25, 1993**

The Iberia Parish emergency manager said a small, brief tornado occurred in an open field about 3 miles northeast of New Iberia about 3:00 PM CST. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 21, 1992**

A tornado injured 1 person and destroyed 3 mobile homes in Coteau around 9:30 PM CST according to the Iberia Parish Emergency Management Director. The tornado crossed over into St. Martin Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 21, 1990**

A weak tornado touched down in the northwestern part of New Iberia. A fence was heavily damaged along with damage to a storage building and trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 31, 1990**

A brief tornado was sighted 15 miles east of New Iberia. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 18, 1989**

Near the Port of New Iberia, a tornado touched down damaging a mobile home and causing a minor injury. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 1, 1988**

A brief tornado touched down in New Iberia. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 9, 1981**

A small plane parked at Acadiana Regional Airport near New Iberia was ripped from its mooring lines and overturned by a tornado that also uprooted a large oak tree that destroyed a barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 21, 1979**

Tornado touched down southwest of Avery Island and moved northeast skirting Avery Island. Three houses and one trailer were destroyed, with other homes receiving minor damage. Two persons injured slightly - one woman with broken ribs and one man with a dislocated shoulder. Eight year old boy was carried 100 yards through the air but unhurt. \$500,000 damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 14, 1977**

A tornado touched down near the Port of Iberia, four miles east of Delcambre, ripping to fragments an anchored house trailer and destroying a small frame house. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 30, 1975**

Tornado severely damaged about eight houses, demolished a two-story concrete block dance studio, and picked up three freight cars in New Iberia. Several trailers were demolished between Loreauville and Coteau Holmes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 18, 1975**

Tornado smashed house trailer at Coteau, injuring James and Kathy Borel. Tore off roofs of

houses. Hangar and large helicopter suffered extensive damage at Acadiana Regional Airport. This tornado moved into St. Martin Parish briefly near Burke. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 16, 1971**

First touched down four miles northeast of Loreauville, where a farm house was demolished. The tornado then moved into St. Martin Parish. This tornado was spawned from Hurricane Edith. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 22, 1965**

Just east of New Iberia city limits, house trailer flipped over, but 1.5 year old boy occupant not injured. Woman reported seeing large black whirling cloud come up from the bayou and go through the Bel Air subdivision. Another woman reported her house was deroofed. The storm appeared to follow a northeasterly pattern. Part of a sugar mill smokestack broke off and fell on a pickup truck. A trailer home near the bayou was seriously damaged when it rolled over several times. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 29, 1960**

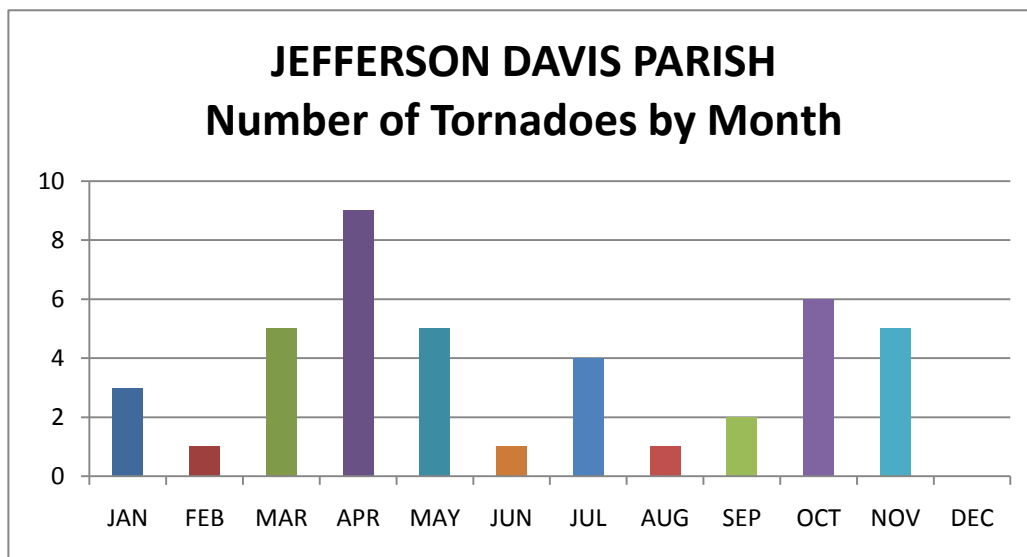
Skipped northeast from 10 miles south of Abbeville to south of St. Martinville. Heaviest damage near New Iberia at Naval Air Station Facility. High winds also caused damage in Abbeville, Kaplan, and Loreauville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 20, 1956**

At New Iberia, trees blown over on house, wrecking it and injuring 2 persons. (*NWS Storm Data*)

## Jefferson Davis Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
10/22/2009	1247	EF1	3	700	0	0	\$25,000	3 S Elton - Elton
10/22/2009	1222	EF1	16	800	0	1	\$50,000	3 W Jennings - 3 SSW Elton
10/22/2009	1205	EF0	8	50	0	0	\$5,000	5 WSW Lake Arthur - 6 SW Jennings
11/22/2004	1405	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	6 SW Fenton - 5 SW Fenton
11/01/2004	1730	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Welsh
04/03/2000	0450	F0	2	10	0	0	\$40,000	Panchoville
04/03/2000	0445	F1	3	20	0	0	\$250,000	5 SW Hathaway - 2 SW Hathaway
01/02/1999	0300	F1	1	50	0	0	\$100,000	2 SW Jennings - 1 SW Jennings
09/11/1998	0955	F1	1	10	0	0	\$75,000	4 W Lake Arthur - 4 WNW Lake Arthur
10/23/1997	2350	F0	5	10	0	0	\$25,000	2 N Fenton - 7 NE Fenton
11/21/1992	1935	F3	3	75	0	0	\$100,000	2 NE Iowa - Woodlawn
06/03/1992	1540	F1	0.1	20	0	0	\$25,000	Hathaway
04/24/1992	1520	F0	0.1	10	0	0	\$0	Jennings
05/08/1991	1914	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$25,000	Jennings
05/05/1989	0230	F1	0.4	35	0	0	\$2,500	4 S Jennings
10/26/1988	1130	F1	0.5	40	0	0	\$25,000	Roanoke
11/16/1987	1145	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$25,000	5 N Jennings
09/11/1982	2100	F2	1	150	0	0	\$25,000	0.5 W Roanoke
03/24/1976	1800	F2	0.5	25	0	0	\$25,000	4 S Elton
05/08/1975	0005	F2	1	100	0	3	\$25,000	Welsh
04/30/1975	1345	F1	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	10 S Welsh
01/10/1975	0715	F1	3	33	0	2	\$20,000	Jennings - 2 E Jennings
10/29/1974	0045	F2	5	200	0	0	\$5,000	1 NNW Lake Arthur - 4 NE Lake Arthur
03/15/1972	1615	F1	0.1	50	0	0	\$250	4 E Jennings
05/11/1971	1748	F2	0.25	50	0	0	\$2,500	1 W Lake Arthur
07/14/1969	1845	F1	1	33	0	0	\$2,500	9 N Iowa
04/19/1967	1745	F0	1	67	0	0	\$2,500	3 WSW Lake Arthur
02/10/1966	0400	F2	0	33	0	0	\$0	Thornwell
07/12/1965	1550	F0	1	33	0	0	\$0	1 S Raymond
01/22/1965	1100	F1	1	33	0	0	\$2,500	1 N Roanoke
04/29/1960	1700	F2	10	1667	0	4	\$25,000	8 SW Hathaway - 2 NE Hathaway
08/16/1959	1250	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Welsh
07/03/1958	1535	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$0	10 S Jennings
11/07/1957	1445	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	3 NNE Lake Arthur (Andrus Cove)
03/31/1957	1600	F2	8	300	0	0	\$25,000	4 W Lake Arthur - 4 N Lake Arthur
04/09/1954	1610	F0	3	20	0	0	\$0	4 SE Welsh - 4 W Jennings
04/08/1954	1500	F0	1	10	0	0	\$0	4 E Iowa
04/04/1952	0215	F2	1	50	0	10	\$125,000	Roanoke
04/04/1952	0200	F3	2	50	0	5	\$125,000	5 SW Welsh (Ardoin Cove)
07/20/1949	1630	F2	?	?	0	0	\$50,000	Jennings
03/03/1932	0430	F2	2	50	0	9	?	8 N Welsh
05/08/1919	1430	F2	1	30	0	1	?	Lake Arthur
03/06/1904	0945	F2	?	30	0	1	?	1.5 W Welsh
				TOTALS	0 Deaths	36 Injuries	\$1,310,250 Damage	43 Tornadoes



#### **October 23, 1997**

A small F0 tornado touched down along Highway 165, two miles north of Fenton, and dissipated around two miles south of Elton. Two homes lost shingles from their roofs, and numerous trees and power lines were blown down. After the tornado dissipated, the main thunderstorm produced another tornado in Acadia and Evangeline Parishes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 21, 1992**

This tornado moved into Jefferson Davis Parish from Calcasieu Parish near Iowa. The tornado moved northeast before ending in Woodlawn where it destroyed 1 home and damaged 4 other homes according to the Red Cross damage survey report. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 3, 1992**

A small tornado destroyed an unoccupied mobile home and partially damaged a large utility shed near Hathaway. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 20, 1992**

The Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Office reported a small, brief tornado on the runway of Jennings Airport. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 8, 1991**

In Jennings, a tornado destroyed a mobile home and three cars parked nearby. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 5, 1989**

A mobile home was damaged when a tornado touched down south of Jennings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **October 26, 1988**

Near Roanoke, a tornado ripped the roof off a garage and toppled several telephone poles. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 16, 1987**

Near Jennings, a tornado demolished a mobile home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **September 11, 1982**

A tornado accompanying the remnants of Tropical Storm Chris struck 1 1/2 miles west of

A tornado accompanying the remnants of Tropical Storm Chris struck 1/2 mile west of Roanoke. Three power transmission towers on US Highway 90 were twisted and destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 24, 1976**

A small tornado destroyed a barn and equipment shed on the Linn Doherty farm about four miles south of Elton. 2 X 4 boards were driven into the farm house roof like spears. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 8, 1975**

Extensive damage to north and east parts of Welsh. Six homes and four trailers destroyed. many trees uprooted. Trailer deposited on top of oak tree. Only minor injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 30, 1975**

Small tornado damaged house trailer 10 miles south of Welsh. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 10, 1975**

A tornado damaged roofs, wrecked two mobiles homes in Jennings, then moved into Acadia Parish. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ravey were hospitalized. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 29, 1974**

A tornado formed in the Lake Arthur area destroying a camp and a utility building. This tornado then moved into Acadia Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 15, 1972**

Touched down briefly in wooded area 4 miles east of Jennings. No damage except to trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 11, 1971**

A tornado, moving southwest to northeast, touched down briefly just west of Lake Arthur. Demolished boat sheds, oak trees, and powerlines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 14, 1969**

Small tornado touched down briefly, uprooted large oak trees, and damaged farm buildings 9 miles north of Iowa. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 18, 1967**

State police reported a tornado dipped to the ground briefly about 5 miles northwest of Lake Arthur. Public report of funnel in the same area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 10, 1966**

Gusty winds and heavy rainfall at Thornwell. Unseen tornado dipped down, lifted tin garage and dropped entire garage into chinaberry tree about 30 feet away. The tornado then skipped over and touched down at an intersection, and in a matter of moments tore section of roof off grocery store, lifted 90 foot building off foundation and moved it about 12 feet, ripped roof off telephone building, and damaged a residence. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 8, 1965**

Tornado damage noted 1 mile southeast of Welsh and on the east and south edge of Welsh. Agricultural plane torn from anchor chains, lifted 40 feet into the air, whirled northward through a tree, severed a power line, then flipped wing over wing about 300 yards. Told shed demolished and scattered on adjoining farm. Thundershowers and high winds moved in from the southwest and

progressed northward. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 29, 1960**

Tornado destroyed 1 house, badly damaged 7 houses, with minor damage to 12 houses near Hathaway. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 16, 1959**

Tornado touched ground briefly near Welsh with minor damage and no casualties. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 3, 1958**

Moved over open country 10 miles south of Jennings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 7, 1957**

Moved from Lowry to Iota, and lifted over Jennings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 31, 1957**

Near Lake Arthur, several farm buildings destroyed, trees uprooted, and roofs damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 9, 1954**

Plowed path through rice field between Welsh and Jennings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 8, 1954**

Occurred 2 miles southeast of Iota, and moved across a rice field. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 4, 1952**

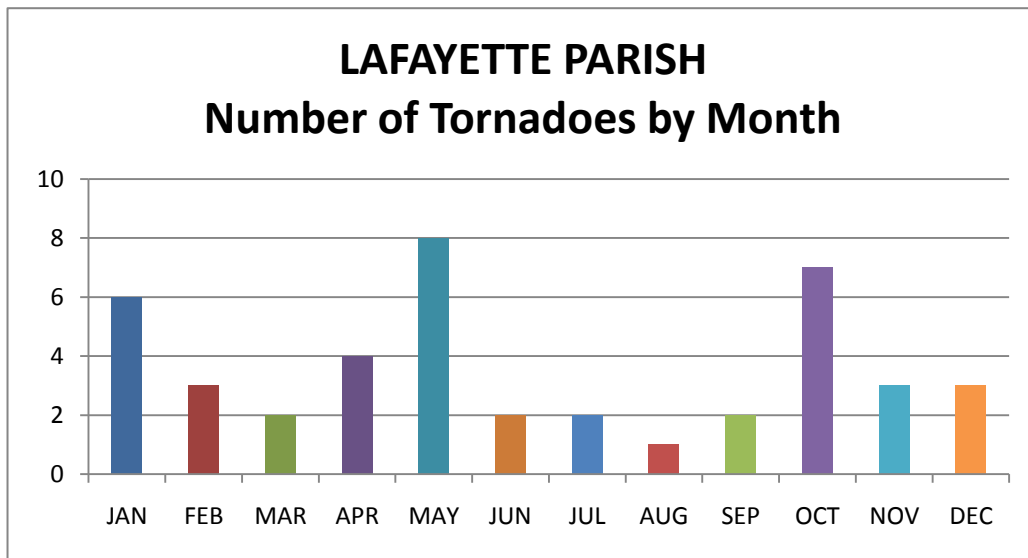
Skipped east-northeast from southwest of Welsh to west of Evangeline, west of Branch, to Church Point. Small homes were torn apart in Ardoin's Cove, where only two of 20 homes were left standing. This damage area was up to a mile wide, and consisted of mostly F1 damage. \$500,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

No information about the tornadoes in Jefferson Davis Parish was listed in Storm Data. (*NWS Storm Data*)



## Lafayette Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
05/15/2008	0540	EF1	1	100	0	0	\$3,000,000	1 S Lafayette - 1 SE Lafayette
05/15/2008	0535	EF0	1	25	0	0	\$100,000	3 WSW Pitette - 3 WNW Pitette
05/15/2008	0518	EF2	5	200	0	0	\$300,000	3 SSE Ridge - 4 SW Scott
02/13/2007	0010	EF1	2	50	0	0	\$250,000	1 WNW Youngsville - 2 SSW Pitette
04/29/2006	1650	F0	0	10	0	0	\$50,000	6 NNE Lafayette
12/09/2004	0125	F1	7	50	0	1	\$250,000	Ridge - Scott
01/25/2004	0647	F2	1	10	0	3	\$1,000,000	7 SW Lafayette- 6 SW Lafayette
10/03/2002	1055	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	5 W Lafayette - 5 WNW Lafayette
10/03/2002	1028	F0	1	10	0	0	\$1,000,000	Lafayette
10/03/2002	1006	F0	1	20	0	0	\$25,000	Lafayette
09/12/1998	0816	F0	1	10	0	0	\$50,000	W Lafayette
09/11/1998	2230	F0	1	10	0	0	\$100,000	2 ESE Youngsville - 2 E Youngsville
11/21/1997	1050	F1	3	200	0	1	\$3,500,000	Lafayette
01/06/1995	1105	F1	5	30	0	8	\$70,000	Duson
06/13/1992	1640	F2	6	60	0	0	\$250,000	Scott - 1 NW Carencro
01/12/1992	0630	F1	2	25	0	0	\$250,000	5 S Lafayette - Broussard
05/15/1991	0400	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$250,000	2 NW Lafayette
05/18/1989	1115	F1	0.4	30	0	0	\$25,000	5 SW Lafayette
05/18/1989	1027	F1	0.4	30	0	0	\$0	2 NW Lafayette
10/02/1988	0350	F0	0	25	0	0	\$2,500	2 W Scott
03/02/1988	2021	F1	0.8	75	0	0	\$5,000,000	Lafayette Regional Airport
12/10/1983	1955	F1	0.5	100	0	3	\$250,000	Youngsville
10/18/1980	0800	F2	0.25	10	0	4	\$250,000	2 NE Scott
05/07/1978	1205	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 SW Lafayette
06/06/1977	1540	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	8 W Lafayette
03/28/1977	0310	F2	1	100	0	0	\$2,500,000	Lafayette Regional Airport
03/28/1977	0300	F2	1	100	0	1	\$250,000	2 N Ridge
05/08/1975	0130	F1	0.5	50	0	2	\$25,000	Duson
04/30/1975	1530	F1	0.5	50	0	2	\$25,000	2 N Broussard
04/30/1975	1525	F1	0.25	25	0	0	\$250,000	Lafayette
01/07/1975	1930	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	5 N Lafayette
10/29/1974	0430	F1	1	50	0	0	\$70,000	Lafayette Airport - 1 NE Lafayette Airport
10/29/1974	0425	F2	2	170	0	1	\$180,000	2 S Lafayette - 3 SE Lafayette
12/06/1969	1245	F2	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	3 S Lafayette
07/10/1969	1240	F1	1	33	0	0	\$0	2 W Lafayette Airport
01/08/1965	1701	F2	1	33	0	0	\$2,500	Carencro
08/14/1964	1545	F0	1	30	0	0	\$0	4 W Youngsville
02/17/1960	2030	F1	3	200	0	0	\$125,000	E Lafayette - 4 SW Breaux Bridge
10/02/1956	1210	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$2,500	Sadou
07/27/1956	1317	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 S Lafayette
11/21/1953	2200	F2	8	300	0	1	\$125,000	2 W Youngsville - 3 NE Broussard
11/10/1946	1730	F2	1	?	0	?	?	4 N Lafayette?
04/19/1934	0845	F2	s6	?	1	2	?	Carencro - 4 SW Arnaudville
02/03/1930	2000	F2	8	50	1	9	\$10,000	Ridge - 2 WSW Lafayette
				TOTALS	2 Deaths	38 Injuries	\$19,552,500 Damage	44 Tornadoes



#### **November 21, 1997**

An F1 tornado touched down in northern sections of the city of Lafayette, near Interstate 10, between Poplar Street and Hebert Road. Three permanent homes were destroyed, 12 had major damage, and another 22 had minor damage. There were also two mobile homes that were destroyed, four with major damage, and eight with minor damage. The Lafayette Utilities System power plant received the most damage, where over 3.0 million dollars worth of damages occurred when two water coolers were destroyed. This tornado first touched down in a mobile home park, then hit the power plant, followed by a residential area. Fortunately, only one injury occurred. A woman in one of the mobile homes destroyed was treated at a local hospital for a concussion. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **January 6, 1995**

Tornado touched down in Scott. Tornado length and width estimated. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **January 6, 1995**

Tornado touched down in Duson destroying a mobile home and injuring eight people, one with a broken collar bone. Tornado length and width estimated. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **June 13, 1992**

The Lafayette Sheriff's Office reported a tornado destroyed a mobile home and blew a couple of homes off their foundations along a path that extended from Scott to just northwest of Carencro. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **January 12, 1991**

A tornado on an intermittent path destroyed one mobile home and heavily damaged five others in the southern portion of the city of Lafayette and in the town of Broussard. The tornado damaged the roof of a Lafayette business, tore down numerous trees, and snapped off some utility poles. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **May 15, 1991**

A small tornado damaged two mobile homes near Lafayette. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **May 18, 1989**

Two short-lived tornadoes touched down in the Lafayette area, damaging a mobile home and a number of house roofs. *(NWS Storm Data)*

of house roofs. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **October 2, 1988**

A tornado was sighted touching down near Scott. Several large signs and tree limbs were blown down. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **March 2, 1988**

In Lafayette, a tornado touched down at the airport damaging or destroying 35 light aircraft, damaging 3 hangars, and causing minor damage to an industrial park just south of the airport. A wind gust of 83 mph was recorded at the airport observation site.. Dollar damage at the airport was estimated at \$5,000,000. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **December 10, 1983**

A tornado touched down near the town of Youngsville causing damage to several homes and inflicting severe tree damage. There were 3 injuries associated with this storm. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **October 18, 1980**

Four persons were hospitalized, and three mobile homes and six automobiles were demolished when a tornado struck the Shiloh Place trailer park on LA Highway 723 near Carencro. Another dozen trailers and 12 vehicles were damaged. Neighbors reported that a large green bathtub was blown more than 1/4 mile. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **May 7, 1978**

Public reported tornado about 2 miles southwest of Lafayette. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **June 6, 1977**

Tornado touched down briefly about eight miles west of Lafayette. Storm moved southward about 20 mph. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **March 28, 1977**

Milton Trahan escaped serious injury by wrapping himself in a mattress when he heard a tornado approaching his trailer located about two miles north of Ridge. The tornado completely exploded the house and then moved on to damage a number of homes and trailers around Lafayette. The tornado then hit the Lafayette Airport, where it destroyed four aircraft and damaged five others, and popped out the glass in the control tower. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **May 8, 1975**

An apparent twister smashed an auto repair shop and several house trailers. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Royer were treated for minor injuries. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **April 30, 1975**

Tornado hit trailer park between Broussard and Lafayette, flipping several trailers. Minor injuries. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **April 30, 1975**

Tornado ripped roof from restaurant, and demolished several trailers in Lafayette. (NWS Storm Data)

#### **January 7, 1975**

Small twister damaged lumber yard and storage building about five miles north of Lafayette. (NWS Storm Data)

**October 29, 1974**

Tornado moved east-northeast across the southern portion of the City of Lafayette. A new shopping center was severely damaged. W.B. Patillo received a broken collar bone and facial cuts when a trailer, which served as security office at the Acadian Village Shopping Center, was demolished. About 20-25 aircraft were damaged at the airport where gusts to 78 mph were recorded. Seven boxcars were lifted off their wheels and scattered. Damages estimated over \$250,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 6, 1969**

Small tornado knocked roof from one barn, collapsed another on a farm 3 miles south of Lafayette. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 10, 1969**

A small tornado touched open ground briefly 2 miles west of Lafayette Airport. Debris in air briefly, then funnel receded into clouds. No significant damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 8, 1965**

Funnel cloud aloft first reported at 5:01 PM, 8 miles west-northwest of Lafayette. Described by motorists as "an ugly black finger", it moved from southwest to northeast. The tornado touched down at 5:10 PM in the Markridge subdivision of Carencro, damaged two houses, lifted, and again touched down at 5:15 PM about a mile away, taking the roof off a small barn. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 14, 1964**

A tornado touched down between Maurice and Youngsville, and remained on the ground for about 3 minutes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 17, 1960**

Began in eastern Lafayette and lifted on western edge of Breaux Bridge. Damage to mostly about 50 homes in an area 300 feet wide by 600 feet long. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 7, 1957**

Several homes and farm buildings destroyed at Carencro. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 2, 1956**

Pilot reported tornado between Duson and Scott. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 27, 1956**

Pilot reported tornado 2 miles south of Lafayette. (*NWS Storm Data*)

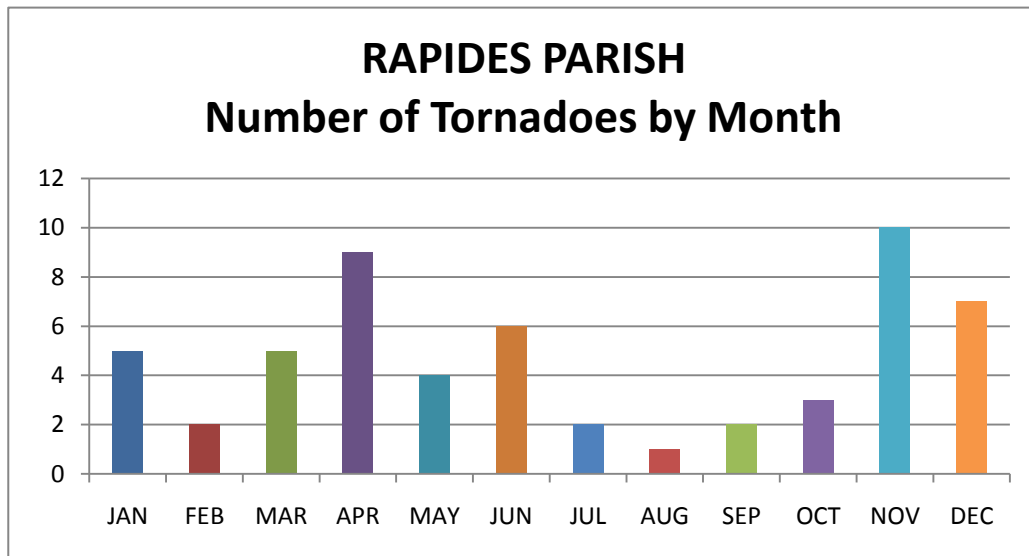
**November 21, 1953**

Moved northeast from near Youngsville to Broussard, to south of Breaux Bridge. Twenty-six small homes were damaged or destroyed, and their debris was strewn over acres of countryside. About 200 people were left homeless. A cypress Island sugar mill was destroyed. \$200,000 in property damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Through Youngsville, Broussard, and Cypress Island. Destroyed 30 homes, many barns, and several other buildings, with livestock killed. About 200 persons left homeless. \$250,000 damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

## Rapides Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
03/27/2009	1510	EF0	2	25	0	0	\$25,000	3 SSW Wilda - Wilda
12/09/2008	1116	EF1	5	25	0	0	\$300,000	1 S Alexandria Airport - 3 NE Alexandria Airport
12/09/2008	0952	EF1	6	200	0	0	\$200,000	2 W Calcasieu - 3 N Elmer
09/03/2008	1415	EF1	0.25	25	0	0	\$40,000	1 NE Cheneyville - 1 NNE Cheneyville
10/03/2002	1630	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	Woodworth
10/03/2002	1400	F0	1	15	0	0	\$10,000	5 S Alexandria - 4 SW Alexandria
01/29/1999	1455	F0	1	50	0	0	\$10,000	2 SE Glenmora - 3 SE Glenmora
01/21/1999	2001	F2	2	400	0	1	\$1,000,000	4 SSW Alexandria - 3 S Alexandria
09/12/1998	1217	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	5 W Alexandria - 5 WNW Alexandria
04/14/1996	1940	F0	0.2	10	0	0	\$7,500	Boyce
01/18/1995	1355	F1	5	20	1	0	\$25,000	Woodworth - 8 SE Alexandria
11/21/1992	2050	F2	0.5	150	0	0	\$25,000	Tioga
05/16/1992	1745	F1	0.2	20	0	0	\$25,000	Wardville
11/19/1991	1745	F2	5	100	0	0	\$25,000	Echo - 1 E Ruby
12/21/1990	1510	F1	s3	150	0	0	\$13,000	4 S Deville - 4 E Deville
02/20/1989	1250	F1	7	45	0	0	\$250,000	5.2 SE Alexandria Intl Airport - Pineville
02/20/1989	1233	F1	1.5	35	0	0	\$250,000	2.7 SE Alexandria Intl Airport
07/04/1988	1600	F0	0.25	20	0	0	\$0	Ball
07/01/1987	1430	F0	0	10	0	0	\$250	5 SW Alexandria
12/05/1983	2200	F0	1	10	0	0	\$500,000	1 E Alexandria
11/19/1983	1615	F0	0	50	0	0	\$2,500	5 W Gardner
12/27/1982	1115	F0	0.25	10	0	0	\$0	10 SE Alexandria
06/12/1982	1230	F1	5	200	0	0	\$250,000	Alexandria - 2 NE Pineville
06/05/1981	1130	F3	5.5	40	0	10	\$2,500,000	N Alexandria - Wardville
06/05/1981	1120	F2	0.1	33	0	0	\$250,000	2 SE Alexandria
06/05/1981	1120	F2	0.1	33	0	0	\$250,000	Lecompte
06/05/1981	0540	F0	0.1	6	0	0	\$25,000	1 W Flatwoods
04/19/1977	1600	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	SE Cheneyville
03/30/1976	1530	F2	s11	75	0	0	\$25,000	7 SW Lena - 4 NE Lena
04/29/1975	2350	F2	0.25	25	0	0	\$25,000	Poland
04/29/1975	2330	F2	2	50	0	3	\$500,000	Woodworth
04/12/1974	0145	F1	6	150	0	3	\$25,000	7.75 W Alexandria - 3 NW Alexandria
11/20/1973	1200	F1	s11	100	0	0	\$25,000	4 NE Elizabeth - 2 SE Glenmora
06/22/1971	1635	F3	0.1	25	0	0	\$500,000	Alexandria Airport
11/17/1968	0505	F1	1	33	0	0	\$250	4 N Hinston
01/22/1965	1100	F1	1	33	0	0	\$2,500	1 S Glenmora
12/03/1964	2100	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Deville
11/13/1957	1110	F2	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	2 SE Poland
11/13/1957	0750	F1	0.25	25	0	0	?	Glenmora
11/07/1957	2104	F3	3	50	3	35	\$500,000	1 SW Alexandria - 2 E Alexandria
11/07/1957	2055	F2	1	50	1	14	\$25,000	Boyce
10/23/1957	0815	F2	10	100	1	1	\$25,000	1 E Kolin - 1 W Deville
12/03/1953	0515	F4	11	300	0	10	\$300,000	3 N Alexandria - 6 ENE Ball
12/03/1953	0445	F4	2	300	0	0	\$5,000	1 ENE Leander - 3 NW Hinston
01/06/1951	1730	F3	10	300	0	11	\$175,000	Alexandria - 2 NW Ball
03/21/1949	1200	F2	s6	20	0	6	?	5 NW Alexandria
11/05/1948	0030	F2	3	?	0	2	?	3 S Alexandria
05/04/1948	0400	F2	1	200	0	0	\$20,000	Plainview
03/30/1945	1230	F2	?	?	0	0	?	9 SE Alexandria
05/05/1934	1500	F2	7	80	2	15	?	3 W Cheneyville - 4 ENE Cheneyville
11/15/1930	1715	F2	15	200	5	15	\$17,000	Gardner - Ball
04/21/1926	2300	F1	?	?	1	3	?	Boyce
04/04/1923	1800	F4	12	200	15	150	\$750,000	2 W Alexandria - Libuse
04/04/1923	1730	F1	1	25	0	0	?	Hot Wells
03/14/1922	0400	F2	?	50	0	1	?	N Alexandria
04/24/1908	0500	F4	11	500	7	?	?	1 N Lamourie - 1 ENE Ruby
04/05/1907	0115	F3	5	200	4	28	\$130,000	3 WSW Alexandria - 1 NNE Pineville
11/14/1879	?	F2	15	200	0	?	?	10 S Alexandria
TOTALS					40	308	\$9,080,500	58 Tornadoes



#### **April 14, 1996**

A small tornado knocked a mobile home off its blocks on Phillips Road in Boyce. A small barn had the roof blown off. No one was injured. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **January 18, 1995**

A tornado shifted a building causing a gas leak two miles northeast of Woodworth. A woman was injured, as her house and four other mobile homes were damaged in Lamourie. Several sheds were damaged at a Louisiana State University research facility at Alexandria. (*NWS Storm Data*)

The injured woman later died from her injuries incurred when her house collapse in Lamourie. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

#### **November 21, 1992**

The Rapides Parish Emergency management Director said a tornado damaged a few homes and uprooted some trees in Tioga around 8:50 PM CST. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 16, 1992**

A tornado uprooted or took down 16 trees, damaged 2 single family homes and a mobile home along a three block path through Wardville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 19, 1991**

A tornado moving rapidly north along the border of Rapides and Avoyelles Parishes began in Echo where it tore the roof off a home and allowed torrential rains to flood the interior with a couple of inches of rain water. The Louisiana State Highway Patrol said that the tornado blew down some trees and power lines in Echo. The tornado damaged about four homes and blew down some trees and power lines near Ruby. The tornado then moved into Avoyelles Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 21, 1990**

A tornado touched down along an intermittent path, from near Center Point to just east of Deville. Near Center Point, a truck was blown off the road, several outbuildings were damaged or destroyed, and numerous trees downed. In the vicinity of Deville, three mobile homes were destroyed, and ten houses damaged. There were no reported injuries. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 20, 1989**

A second tornado, more damaging than the previous one, touched down a few minutes later in the southern portion of Alexandria, and moved rapidly northeast across the Red River into Pineville and Wardville. This tornado touched down intermittently, damaging trailers, houses, and trees. The greatest damage occurred when the tornado struck the Pineville Recreation Center, ripping away half of the second floor. The two tornadoes together causes major damage to 21 single family homes and minor damage to 75 other houses, destroyed five mobile homes, and heavily damage three mobile homes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 20, 1989**

This tornado touched down in the vicinity of the Louisiana Coliseum in the northwest portion of Alexandria, damaging several house roofs, a trailer, and the roof of an abandoned warehouse.. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 4, 1988**

A tornado touched down briefly near Ball, downing a few trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 1, 1987**

A small tornado touched down about 5 miles southwest of Alexandria, damaging a tomato and bean crop and causing structural damage to a storage building. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 5, 1983**

A small tornado was observed by the sheriff department to touch down briefly just east of Alexandria. No damage reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 19, 1983**

A small weak tornado was observed by the sheriff department to touch down about 5 miles west of Gardner. Damage was confined to farm outbuildings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 27, 1982**

A tornado was observed near the town of Echo, located 10 miles southeast of Alexandria. There was no known damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 12, 1982**

A severe thunderstorm produced a tornado which moved through Alexandria. Path was about 200 yards wide and 5 miles long. Considerable damage was done to trees, power lines, and roofs with one mobile home and several sheds destroyed. Also many automobiles sustained damage due to flying debris. No injuries or deaths were reported. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 5, 1981**

At 12:30 PM, a third tornado touched down in north Alexandria with minor damage spread over a 20 block radius. The Branch Office of a bank in a mobile trailer was destroyed and an apartment damaged. Scattered debris from a scrap yard damaged a number of homes, businesses and a church. The main building of the scrap yard was heavily damaged. The tornado then crossed the Red River striking LA College in Pineville at 12:40 PM. One hundred trees were destroyed, the brick maintenance building demolished, and the office of the president and the library were damaged. A man was hospitalized after being hit by a falling tree limb at the library. Three men escaped serious injury at the maintenance building, although they were covered with rubble. By 1:00 PM, the tornado moved northeast into the Wardville community, where the roof was taken off an elementary school and a creosote company had window blown out as the funnel returned to the clouds. This tornado was spawned from Tropical Depression #2. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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At the same time as the previous tornado, another tornado dropped down on Foxfire Farms, 2 miles southeast of Alexandria, destroying a barn and injuring 17 thoroughbred horses. This tornado was spawned from Tropical Depression #2. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 5, 1981**

A tornado touched down in Lecompte damaging 40 cars and a car dealership showroom at 11:20 AM. This tornado was spawned from Tropical Depression #2. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 5, 1981**

Tornado touched down near Flatwoods, damaging trees, crops, and a farm house. This tornado was spawned from Tropical Depression #2. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 19, 1977**

A tornado struck along the southeast edge of Cheneyville. It demolished 2 barns and uprooted several trees. Barns were also damaged about one mile down the road. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 30, 1976**

A tornado moved into northwestern Rapides Parish from Natchitoches Parish, producing damage at Lena. The tornado then moved into Grant Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 29, 1975**

A likely tornado destroyed a concrete barn near Poland. It blew debris northeastward and drove a broken tree through a trailer bed and floor. A neighbor's house was blown toward the southwest. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 29, 1975**

Tornado hit Woodworth and Indian creek Recreation area, toppling several trailers, destroying about 15 homes and approximately \$75,000 worth of timber in the state forest. Injuries were minor. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 18, 1974**

Tornado skipped across Lake Nantaches-Aloha area in Grant Parish feeling trees and power lines, and blocking Highway 71. The storm moved through extreme west side of Alexandria about 4:34 PM. Four mobile homes were destroyed, 12 damaged. Many roofs, cars and trees damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 12, 1974**

A tornado struck about 7.75 miles west of downtown Alexandria causing major damage to a mobile home park and paint shop. It then skipped to within 4 miles of downtown and destroyed a mobile home and three barns, and damaged a lounge. It dipped again about 1/2 mile to the northeast and damaged 11 more mobile homes and lifted a house from its foundation. The tornado touched down for a fourth time on Highway 1 about 3 miles northwest of town and damaged the roof of a feed mill. The three injuries were minor although the mobile home where the family had been sleeping was completely destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 20, 1973**

Tornado skipped across southern Rapides Parish, moving east-northeastward from Allen Parish to near Glenmora. Path on ground not continuous. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 22, 1971**

At England AFB, eight C-47 training aircraft and one helicopter sustained "light to heavy" damage. Tiedowns



and mooring lines were ripped off. Two planes were pushed together, three planes were thrown together, one plane was embedded tail first into a hangar, and two planes were moved off ramp into grass 400-500 feet away. Wind gust measured at 72 knots. Maximum wind gust estimated by weather detachment commander at 150 knots. Three base workers reported sighting funnel. No damage was reported in other areas. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **November 17, 1968**

Small tornado reported by observer 4 miles north of Hineston. Only minor wind damage - antenna and some small trees down. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **January 22, 1965**

Just south of Glenmora, a small tornado, accompanied by heavy rain, damaged six houses, a barn, and a greenhouse. The front porch of one home was deposited in a nearby tree. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **December 3, 1964**

Public reported a tornado briefly touched ground 1 mile northwest of Deville, at 31.3/92.3. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **November 13, 1957**

2 homes destroyed 20 miles southeast of Alexandria. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **November 7, 1957**

*The lack of reported damage around England AFB suggests this was a family of at least two tornadoes. Further research will be required for a final determination. (Shamburger 2009)*

Moved southeast from Boyce, passing across the northern part of Alexandria to near Pineville. One survey reported 98 homes destroyed and 137 damaged at Alexandria, with two deaths and 28 injuries. One woman was killed in a home at Boyce, when she was hurled into a neighbor's home. \$500,000 damage. *(Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes)*

Moved from Boyce to Alexandria, where it tore through a 10-block area in the city of Alexandria. Destroyed 98 homes and 6 other buildings, damaged 458 homes and other buildings.. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **October 23, 1957**

Moved northeast from east of Kolin, passing near Deville. Several homes were destroyed. One house was reportedly hit by trees that were torn from the ground a half mile away. *(Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes)*

Several houses destroyed and minor widespread damage to building, power lines, and trees between Kolin and Deville. *(NWS Storm Data)*

#### **December 3, 1953**

Moved northeast from northwest of Fullerton, through Leander, to west of Hineston, east of Paradise, to northeast of Ball. There were seven deaths in four homes that were leveled at Leander. Twenty homes were damaged or destroyed in the Kingsville area. Four people were injured east of Paradise. There was \$250,000 damage at Camp Beauregard. Twenty-three of the injuries were in house trailers. *(Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes)*

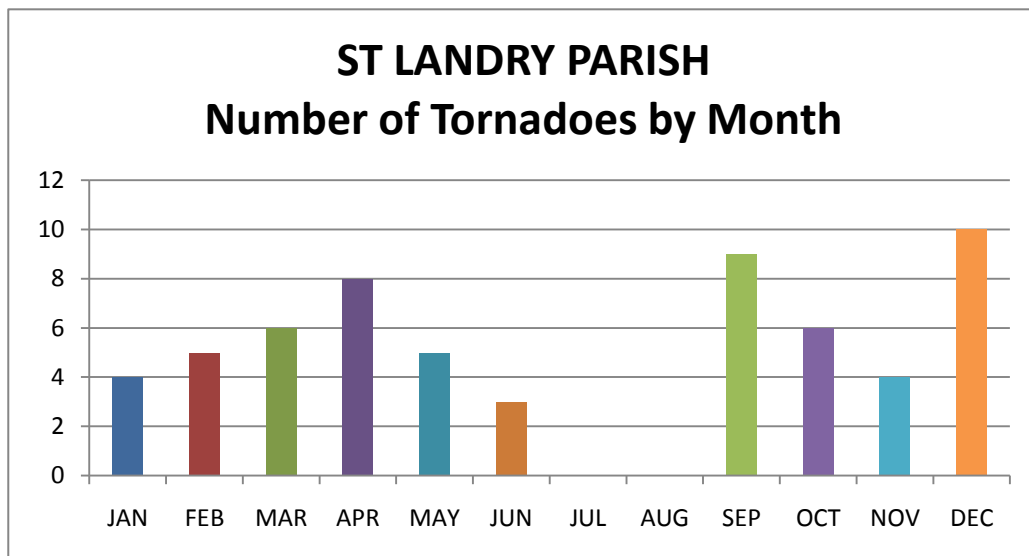
Originating near Cravens in Vernon Parish, this tornado moved through the Leander, Lacamp, and Hineston area, then north of Alexandria, and through Paradise. Numerous homes and buildings destroyed or damaged. much timber destroyed. and stored crops damaged. High winds accompanied the tornado on

damaged, much timber destroyed, and stored crops damaged. High winds accompanied the tornado on both sides over an area 20 miles wide. Rain excessive over all of the area. (NWS Storm Data)

## St. Landry Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
12/24/2009	0758	EF0	1	25	0	0	\$3,000	1 NE Savoy - 2 SE Chataignier
12/24/2009	0753	EF0	2	25	0	0	\$5,000	2 SE Savoy - 1 E Savoy
12/24/2009	0725	EF2	7	50	0	0	\$500,000	2 SW Whiteville - 5 NE Whiteville
04/18/2009	2010	EF0	5	100	0	0	\$25,000	2 WNW Krotz Springs - 5 ESE Swayzee Lake
04/18/2009	1920	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$5,000	2 ESE Sambo - 2 ESE Danks
04/18/2009	1815	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$3,000	Nuba
09/12/2008	0530	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Arnaudville
09/03/2008	1250	EF1	0.25	25	0	0	\$40,000	Arnaudville - 1 NE Arnaudville
04/11/2008	1440	EF0	4	50	0	0	\$60,000	3 SSW Plaisance - Nuba
04/11/2008	1430	EF0	5	40	0	0	\$20,000	2 NNE Swords - 4 N Lawtell
02/21/2008	1722	EF0	0.25	25	0	0	\$20,000	1 ESE Morrow - 1 E Morrow
02/17/2008	0130	EF1	6	125	0	0	\$125,000	2 S Palmetto - 4 NE Palmetto
12/30/2006	0648	F0	0.25	25	0	0	\$25,000	2 SSW Bristol
10/29/2002	0310	F2	5	20	0	0	\$5,000,000	7 NW Opelousas - 10 NW Opelousas
10/29/2002	0250	F1	5	20	0	0	\$100,000	5 E Eunice - 8 E Eunice
04/03/2000	0528	F1	1	20	0	1	\$50,000	Lewisburg
09/07/1999	0256	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 SW Port Barre
03/02/1999	2115	F1	1	20	0	0	\$100,000	6 S Krotz Springs
01/02/1999	0400	F1	1	50	0	0	\$100,000	Leonville
09/11/1998	2300	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Opelousas
12/15/1992	1110	F1	0.01	18	0	0	\$25,000	Opelousas
03/05/1992	0058	F1	1	30	0	0	\$25,000	Savoy
03/05/1992	0020	F2	3	175	0	4	\$1,000,000	3 SW Swords - Swords
03/01/1991	0710	F1	1	150	0	1	\$25,000	5 E Eunice
05/25/1987	1500	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 S Eunice
12/03/1983	1845	F1	1.5	100	0	0	\$2,500,000	Port Barre
02/09/1983	1747	F3	20	200	0	7	\$2,500,000	2 ENE Church Point - 3 NE Port Barre
01/31/1983	2215	F2	7	100	0	0	\$25,000	3 E Leonville - 3 E Port Barre
12/04/1982	1030	F1	1	10	0	0	\$250,000	Eunice
10/27/1980	1900	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Morrow
03/28/1977	0245	F1	0	10	0	1	\$25,000	1 SE Port Barre
01/10/1975	0800	F1	1	35	0	5	\$25,000	Lawtell
10/29/1974	0300	F1	7	35	0	3	\$250,000	2 N Leonville - 1 NE Port Barre
06/13/1974	1630	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Prairie Ronde
09/11/1973	1330	F0	4	50	0	0	\$2,500	1 SE Eunice - 5 E Eunice
05/11/1971	1728	F0	0.1	20	0	0	\$0	1 W Opelousas
11/30/1968	2230	F2	1	30	0	1	\$25,000	9 N Melville
11/30/1968	2230	F1	1	30	0	0	\$250,000	Opelousas
12/03/1964	1925	F1	1	30	0	0	\$2,500	2 WSW Plaisance
09/05/1962	1540	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	4 SW Opelousas
09/05/1962	1540	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Pitreville
09/05/1962	1525	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	30 NNW Lafayette
11/07/1957	2340	F3	4	200	2	8	\$250,000	1 ENE Higginbotham - 4 ENE Higginbotham
11/07/1957	1420	F1	2	50	0	0	\$25,000	2 SW Grand Prairie - Grand Prairie
10/15/1957	2230	F3	6	150	1	29	\$250,000	5 SE Opelousas - 4 ENE Opelousas
06/27/1957	2230	F1	1	30	0	0	\$25,000	Arnaudville
02/08/1956	1400	F1	s19	300	0	0	\$25,000	1 SE Washington - 2 S Melville
05/16/1953	0330	F2	5	100	0	4	\$100,000	1 SW Lewisburg - 3 SW Opelousas
04/04/1952	0330	F2	1	70	4	33	\$100,000	Arnaudville
04/04/1952	0300	F1	4	100	0	0	\$2,500	Bristol
02/06/1951	1550	F1	1	30	0	0	\$10,000	3 NNW Leonville
12/25/1941	1200	F2	?	200	0	12	\$10,000	Morrow
01/26/1941	0430	F2	1	50	0	7	?	4 W Opelousas
09/24/1940	0500	F2	?	?	0	2	?	Swords
11/18/1938	0945	F2	1.5	70	0	6	?	Krotz Springs
04/19/1934	0905	F2	?	?	1	3	\$100,000	Arnaudville
04/19/1934	?	F2	2	?	0	1	?	3 NE Mire - 1 W Cankton
10/07/1930	0830	F2	0.8	100	0	0	?	Opelousas
12/17/1929	2330	F2	6	100	0	3	\$6,000	10 E Ville Platte - 4 WNW Lebeau
05/13/1908	1230	F2	4	50	0	0	\$0	Port Barre

05/13/1908	1230	F2	7	100	1	10	\$25,000	3 WSW Plaquemine Ridge - 3 SW Opelousas
05/30/1903	1830	F2	?	70	0	0	?	Melville
06/07/1902	1600	F1	0	10	1	0	?	Opelousas
03/29/1863	?	F?	?	200	8	?	?	near Port Barre (Dejean Plantation)
TOTALS				18	141	\$14,114,500	64	
				Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes	



#### **December 15, 1992**

Opelousas police reported a small tornado destroyed a storage shed and damaged the roof of a home about 11:10 AM CST. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 5, 1992**

The St. Landry Sheriff's Office said a small tornado overturned a mobile home and blew down some power lines in Savoy. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 5, 1992**

A tornado which began in Acadia Parish near Iota crossed over into St. Landry Parish about 3 miles southwest of Swords, and continued on to Swords where it injured four people when it destroyed their mobile home. The tornado also demolished a nearby race track. The tornado caused about \$1,000,000 damage in St. Landry Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 1, 1991**

In Eunice, a weak tornado damaged four mobile homes and destroyed another, injuring the only occupant. Four other mobile homes were heavily damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **May 25, 1991**

Public reported several funnel clouds south of Eunice. One funnel cloud descended as a tornado and touched down in an open field for a few seconds. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **December 3, 1983**

A tornado struck the town of Port Barre. The majority of the damage occurred to the downtown area. Two lumber yards sustained severe damage. One was totally destroyed and the other was severely damaged, including a 10,000 lbs. door that was torn from its hinges. At least 14 other places of business were damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 9, 1983**

A tornado touched moved northeast into St. Landry Parish from Acadia Parish, narrowly missing the Troop K State Police Headquarters 4 miles east of Opelousas. The tornado continued to a point near Port Barre. Total path length was 21 miles and varied between 50 and 200 yards wide. Extremely strong winds of 70 to 80 mph accompanied the mesocyclone of this tornadic storm. The winds caused considerable damage in the eastern portion of Opelousas. A grocery store and several other businesses received extensive wind damage. At Troop K Headquarters very strong winds were present before the tornado became visible. State police less than 1 mile away from the tornado reported 4 or 5 funnels at one time. However, the damage track indicated these were suction vortices, all part of the same tornado. Even though the tornado struck a rural area, at least 7 homes were destroyed along with one church, a grain elevator, and numerous power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 31, 1983**

A tornado touched down near Leonville and moved over a distance of 7 miles to near Port Barre, destroying numerous barns and sheds. Also, two mobile homes were destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 4, 1982**

A tornado struck the town of Eunice. The main damage was in the western sections of town. Police witnessed the funnel touching down, traveling about a mile, then lifting. Severe damage occurred to several houses along with uprooted trees and downed power lines. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 27, 1980**

A tornado apparently touched down in this small community, destroying two trailer houses. At the same time, 4 to 6 inch rainfalls falling just before harvest time, flattened some sugar cane. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 28, 1977**

A minor injury occurred when a trailer was destroyed at Port Barre. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 10, 1975**

Tornado ripped roof off of Lawtell Elementary Gym. There were five minor injuries to students. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 29, 1974**

A large thunderstorm that developed near Intracoastal City about 2:25 AM moved north-northeast. A tornado formed in this storm near Leonville shortly before 3 AM. Three people were injured when two trailers were overturned. The tornado hit Port Barre at 3:13 AM damaging several homes and buildings, and knocking out the electric system. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 13, 1974**

Small tornado destroyed machine shed and dropped large timber through roof of barn in Prairie Ronde area west of Opelousas. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 11, 1973**

Slow-moving tornado near Eunice caused minor crop damage. According to witnesses who watched it for more than 30 minutes, the tornado kept "...going up and down..." and had a bright white or silver stripe down its middle. This tornado was spawned by a tropical depression, and moved into St. Landry Parish from Acadia Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 11, 1971**

A tornado, moving southwest to northeast, touched down briefly in open area just west of Opelousas. State Police reported no damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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**November 30, 1968**

Apparent tornadic winds struck a farm 9 miles north of Melville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 30, 1968**

Apparent tornadic winds struck through Opelousas. Damages in Opelousas began about 10:30 p.m. from South City Park, between Union and Court Streets downtown, then through north side of city. Roofs torn off two homes, several others damaged by falling trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 3, 1964**

A tornado dipped in the Plaisance community, 6 miles northwest of Opelousas. It demolished a new metal building 160 X 38 feet, and strewn pieces onto the highway and damaged a fence nearby. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 5, 1962**

Brief tornado touchdown southwest of Opelousas confirmed by State Police. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 5, 1962**

Two tornadoes reported between Swords and Lawtell, but only one brief touchdown was confirmed by State Police near Pitreville at 3:40 PM. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 5, 1962**

Tornado reported by public 30 miles north-northwest of Lafayette. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 7, 1957**

Moved northeast from 5 miles southeast of Branch to near Sunset. Two people were killed near the start of the path when their home was blown apart and they were thrown 150 yards. Near the parish line, two people died in adjoining tenant homes. A total of 25 homes and 60 farm buildings were damaged or destroyed. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Destroyed 25 homes and 60 farm buildings, damaged 14 homes and 2 farm buildings from Higginbotham to Cankton. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 15, 1957**

Moved east-northeast from Leonville, passing about 10 miles east of Opelousas, and then into thinly populated areas along the Atchafalaya River. About 15 homes were destroyed and five cars were thrown and rolled from Highway 31. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Moved from near Leonville through the Cypress Grove community, then through thinly settled areas to Mix. 15 houses destroyed and many damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 27, 1957**

Near Arnaudville, several homes damaged and trees uprooted. Occurred during passage of Hurricane Audrey. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 8, 1956**

Storm passed over unpopulated area from north of Opelousas to near St. Francisville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 4, 1952**

Moved east-northeast from Bristol, hitting Arnaudville. Four members of a family were killed 1 mile east of Arnaudville. A total of 20 homes were destroyed. \$62,000 in property damage. (*Grazulis 1993 -*

### *Significant Tornadoes)*

Moved from Bristol through Arnaudville to Bayou Portage. Hit and skip type of tornado. \$112,000 in damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **February 6, 1951**

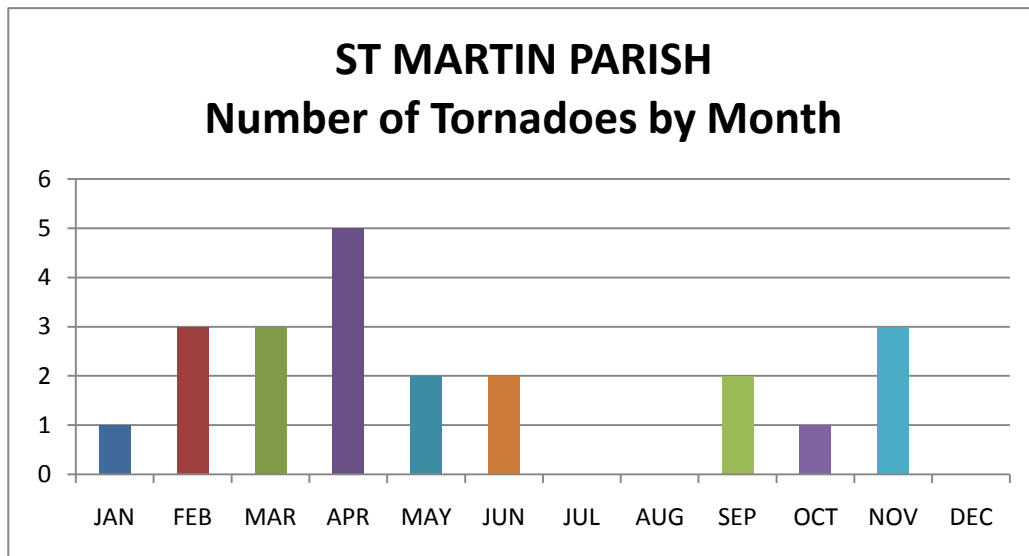
Occurred near Opelousas. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **March 29, 1863**

A terrible tornado passed over Bayou Teche, La., on the 29th ult. It swept over a tract only two hundred yards in breadth. The residence of Mr. Honore Dejean was lifted up and carried some distance, killing nearly all in it, including Mr. Dejean, Mrs. Dejean, Emile and Matilda, their daughters, Mrs. Zeringus and child, a young man and a colored boy. Oaks, five feet in diameter, were torn up and broken like flax. As it crossed the bayou, it overturned a forest of very large gum trees, all of which it rooted up or decapitated at different lengths from the ground, say from 15 to 30 feet, and, strange to say, they were the full length mentioned above, one half carried off and the other left standing. (*The Daily Dispatch, Richmond, VA 13 Apr 1863*)

## St. Martin Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
05/04/2009	0459	EF1	1	50	0	3	\$75,000	Catahoula - 1 NNE Catahoula
05/15/2008	0555	EF1	4	50	0	1	\$1,500,000	2 NNW Breaux Bridge - 2 NNE Ruth
02/12/2008	1302	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$15,000	3 S St. Martinville
02/13/2007	0036	EF2	4	300	0	3	\$1,500,000	1 ENE Ruth - 1 ESE Patin
09/21/2006	1755	F0	1	20	0	0	\$0	Cade
03/09/1994	0700	F1	0.5	30	0	0	\$5,000	St. Martinville
11/21/1992	2132	F2	s14	75	0	3	\$125,000	2 NE Coteau - 4 NE Parks
11/01/1992	1210	F2	0.5	40	0	0	\$25,000	Cade
06/24/1991	1500	F0	0.5	15	0	0	\$2,500	1 SW St. Martinville
10/26/1988	1300	F0	0.3	30	0	0	\$25,000	3 S St. Martinville
06/18/1988	1925	F1	0.4	20	0	0	\$12,000	Breaux Bridge
04/21/1977	0515	F3	4	440	1	11	\$2,500,000	3 NNW Breaux Bridge - 1 SW Henderson
03/28/1977	0220	F1	0	10	0	3	\$25,000	Bushville
03/18/1975	0420	F0	0.5	50	0	2	\$250,000	Burke - 0.5 N Burke
10/29/1974	0500	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	Bayou Portage
09/16/1971	0725	F1	2.5	50	0	6	\$20,000	1 SE Coteau Holmes - 1 NW Coteau Holmes
01/22/1965	1245	F1	0.1	30	0	0	\$2,500	Cade
04/29/1960	1840	F1	1	500	0	0	\$0	2 NE New Iberia Airport - 4 S St. Martinville
02/17/1960	2030	F1	4	200	0	0	\$125,000	4 SW Breaux Bridge - W Breaux Bridge
11/21/1953	2215	F2	3	300	0	0	\$200,000	3 NE Broussard - 1 NE Cypress Island
04/04/1952	0325	F2	2	70	0	0	\$6,000	2 SW Arnaudville - Arnaudville - 1 ESE Arnaudville
04/19/1934	0855	F2	s3	?	0	0	?	4 SW Arnaudville - 1 SW Arnaudville
TOTALS					1	32	\$6,438,000	22
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



### March 9, 1994

At St. Martinville, about a dozen power poles were snapped by a weak tornado. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### November 21, 1992

A tornado crossed over into St. Martin Parish from Iberia Parish near Coteau, and continued rapidly northeast on an intermittent path that extended from a couple miles west of St. Martinville, through Parks about 9:45 PM CST, before ending about 4 miles northeast of Parks. The tornado destroyed several outbuildings 2 miles west of St. Martinville about 9:40 PM CST. In the Parks area, the tornado destroyed 3 mobile homes and heavily damaged 3 other mobile homes while injuring 3 people around 9:45 PM CST.. (*NWS Storm Data*)



**November 1, 1992**

The Sheriff Office reported a brief tornado near Cade destroyed a mobile home and heavily damaged another mobile home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 24, 1991**

A small tornado ripped the roof off a barn southwest of St. Martinville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 26, 1988**

A tornado near St. Martinville knocked down several trees and destroyed a farm building. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 18, 1988**

A tornado touched down briefly, ripping the roof off a small commercial building and downing several trees. Value of the loss was estimated at \$12,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 21, 1977**

6 houses were destroyed and 8 damaged. A large 18 wheeler truck was blown off I-10. Mrs. Ames Dore, 54, was found wrapped in a mattress some distance from the foundation of her missing home. 3 of the 11 injuries were serious. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 28, 1977**

Three members of the Floyd Quibodeaux family were injured when a tornado destroyed a trailer between Cecilia and Arnaudville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 18, 1975**

This tornado moved briefly into St. Martin Parish from Iberia Parish near Burke before dissipating. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 16, 1971**

Moved northwest from Iberia Parish to Coteau Holmes, where several mobile homes were damaged and one house was blown from its foundation and moved some ten feet. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Edith. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 22, 1965**

In Cade, at time tornado struck, a woman in a home heard a loud noise, like a clap of thunder. She looked out and saw the roof of her house flying off, which landed 400 yards away. Several whirlwind formations were noted in the yard, picking up scattered debris as they moved along. Tornado tore off half the roof, the back porch and the car port, while torrential rain severely damaged the interior and contents of the house. A home across the road was blown off its foundation. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 29, 1960**

Skipped northeast from 10 miles south of Abbeville to south of St. Martinville. Heaviest damage near New Iberia at Naval Air Station Facility. High winds also caused damage in Abbeville, Kaplan, and Loreauville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 17, 1960**

Began in eastern Lafayette and lifted on western edge of Breaux Bridge. Damage to mostly about 50 homes in an area 300 feet wide by 600 feet long. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 21, 1953**

Moved northeast from near Youngsville to Broussard, to south of Breaux Bridge. Twenty-six small homes were damaged or destroyed and their debris was strewn over acres of countryside. About 200 people were

were damaged or destroyed, and their debris was strewn over acres of countryside. About 200 people were left homeless. A Cypress Island sugar mill was destroyed. \$200,000 in property damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Through Youngsville, Broussard, and Cypress Island. Destroyed 30 homes, many barns, and several other buildings, with livestock killed. About 200 persons left homeless. \$250,000 damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

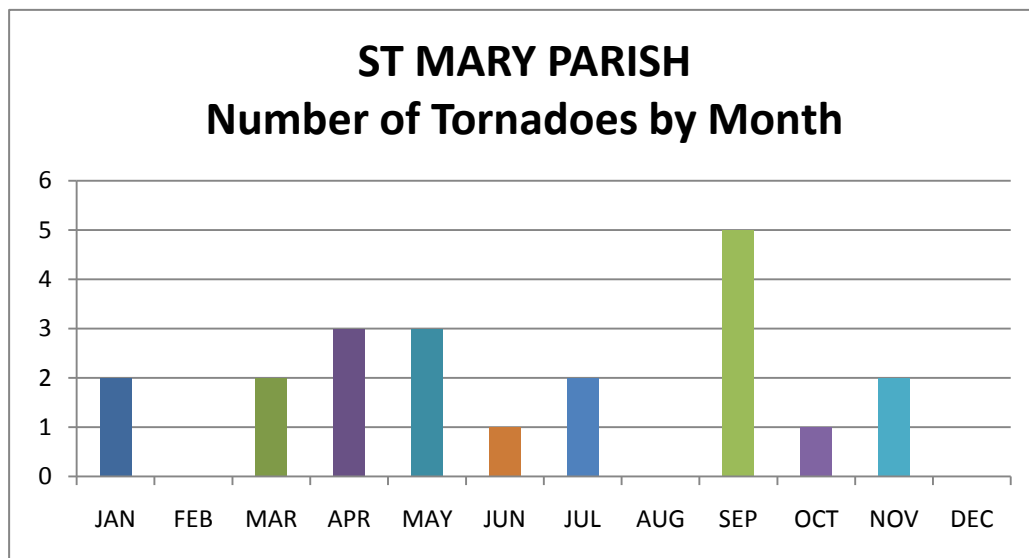
#### **April 4, 1952**

Moved east-northeast from Bristol, hitting Arnaudville. Four members of a family were killed 1 mile east of Arnaudville. A total of 20 homes were destroyed. \$62,000 in property damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Moved from Bristol through Arnaudville to Bayou Portage. Hit and skip type of tornado. \$112,000 in damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

## St. Mary Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
06/16/2000	0955	F1	1	10	0	0	\$0	2 SW Sorrel - 2 SE Sorrel
01/02/1999	0540	F1	2	100	0	1	\$75,000	3 SW Patterson - 1 SW Patterson
05/12/1995	1200	F1	0.5	25	0	1	\$2,500	E Morgan City
04/23/1995	0350	F1	0.5	20	0	0	\$30,000	Baldwin
10/29/1993	1300	F0	0.04	15	0	0	\$0	Morgan City
05/08/1991	0600	F1	1.5	30	0	1	\$25,000	Centerville
09/12/1984	1805	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Berwick
07/08/1982	1500	F1	1	10	0	0	\$15,000	Charenton
07/07/1982	1505	F1	0	10	0	0	\$10,000	Adeline
11/21/1977	1400	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	5 NW Patterson
09/08/1974	0410	F1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	Franklin
03/26/1974	1237	F1	1	25	0	2	\$2,500	Patterson
09/16/1971	0900	F2	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	Franklin
03/17/1970	0830	F3	1	50	0	12	\$250,000	Patterson
09/10/1961	2220	F1	0.25	100	0	0	\$2,500	Patterson
09/10/1961	2220	F2	1	100	0	16	\$25,000	Morgan City
04/04/1952	0330	F2	3	20	0	0	\$50,000	2 SW Sorrel - 1 NE Sorrel
04/04/1952	0320	F2	2	50	0	0	\$25,000	1 SE Jeanerette - 1 NW Sorrel
05/19/1946	2045	F2	?	100	0	0	\$5,000	Morgan City
01/11/1941	1430	?	?	?	0	0	?	E Morgan City
11/04/1938	0215	F2	?	100	1	2	?	Charenton
TOTALS					1	35	\$592,500	21
					Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Tornadoes



### May 12, 1995

A tornado touched down briefly on the east side of Morgan City. The roof of a building was torn off and several telephone pole snapped. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### April 23, 1995

A tornado touched down several times along an intermittent path rolling a mobile home over and tearing the roofs off a house and a mobile home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

### October 29, 1993

A small, brief tornado blew down many tree limbs, power lines and a fence in Morgan City. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 8, 1991**

A waterspout moved ashore near Centerville and followed an intermittent path as a tornado. The tornado damaged the roofs of two buildings at the Columbia and Cabot Company near Centerville. Flying debris injured a woman as she tried to run to her car in a nearby parking lot. The tornado overturned a loaded tractor-semitrailer. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 12, 1984**

A tornado touched down briefly at the Country Club in Berwick. Several buildings sustained considerable damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 8, 1982**

A small tornado struck near the community of Charenton unroofing one house, damaging a mobile home, and destroying a main power transmission line. Damage estimated at \$15,000. Path width was not determined, but path length was 1 mile. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 7, 1982**

A short lived tornado struck one house in Adeline completely removing the roof. Circulation was evident with wind blown debris driven into the ground. After viewing radar films it is possible that this was a waterspout which came on shore. Damage was estimated at \$10,000. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 21, 1977**

Pilot reported a tornado five miles northwest of Patterson. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 16, 1971**

Brief touchdown in Chatsworth Subdivision at Franklin. Several homes damaged. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Edith. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 17, 1970**

Small tornado swept through small area of Patterson. Auto and tractor-trailer truck "floated" off U.S. 90. Two houses completely demolished, a third damaged, while another less than 30 yards away untouched. One house "exploded", the other went "straight up into the air". Utility poles splintered. Two house-trailers flipped over. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**February 1, 1968**

A small funnel 3 miles south of De Ridder in open area damaged electric lines and uprooted trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 10, 1961**

Touched ground near Patterson. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Carla. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 10, 1961**

Moved northwest in Morgan City, with 55 homes damaged. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Carla. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 4, 1952**

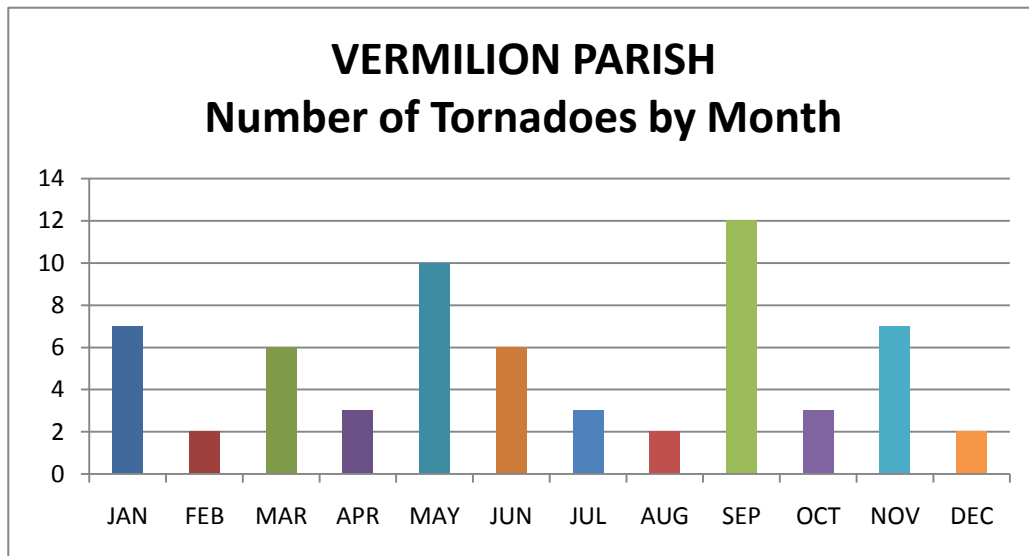
Moved northeast from southwest of Sorrel, crossing US Highway 90 near Jeanerette, to northeast of Sorrel. The Delgado Sugar Mill was heavily damaged. \$500,000. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Crossed US Highway 90 1/2 mile east of Jeanerette and moved to Charenton. \$510,000.  
(*NWS Storm Data*)

## Vermilion Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
12/24/2009	0757	EF2	6	50	0	0	\$1,000,000	4 SW Gueydan - 2 NNE Gueydan
06/02/2009	1315	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 SSE Boston
09/12/2008	1541	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 SSE Riceville
05/15/2008	0535	EF0	6	50	0	0	\$50,000	3 ESE Cow Island - 1 NNW Bancker
05/15/2008	0515	EF0	2	50	0	0	\$100,000	1 N Leroy - 2 WNW Maurice
05/15/2008	0512	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$35,000	6 SW Gueydan
09/13/2007	0320	EF1	0	10	0	0	\$25,000	1 NW Mulvey
02/13/2007	0125	EF0	0	10	0	0	\$40,000	4 N Erath
10/16/2006	1928	F0	0	10	0	0	\$50,000	1 NW Gueydan
09/21/2006	1748	F1	2	50	0	0	\$100,000	5 N Delcambre - 8 N Delcambre
09/21/2006	1720	F0	1	20	0	0	\$15,000	3 W Erath - 3 WNW Erath
09/21/2006	1330	F0	1	20	0	0	\$5,000	5 SSW Forked Island - 4 SSW Forked Island
07/26/2006	0455	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	2 NW Gueydan
02/15/2003	1200	F1	1	10	0	1	\$125,000	Delcambre
10/13/2001	0800	F1	1	10	0	0	\$75,000	5 N Abbeville
03/13/1999	1145	F0	1	10	0	0	\$100,000	2 N Wright
01/02/1999	0442	F0	1	100	0	0	\$50,000	1 N Delcambre - 1 NE Delcambre
01/02/1999	0432	F0	2	200	0	0	\$50,000	1 W Perry - 2 ESE Abbeville
09/12/1998	0800	F0	1	10	0	0	\$20,000	Perry
05/21/1997	1345	F0	1	20	0	0	\$250,000	S Henry
03/07/1995	0915	F0	0.25	20	0	0	\$0	Abbeville
01/06/1995	1110	F0	0.2	20	0	0	\$0	2 W Abbeville
05/28/1994	1354	F1	2	75	0	0	\$25,000	1 W Maurice
11/01/1992	1015	F1	0.5	20	0	0	\$25,000	1.5 E Abbeville - 2 E Abbeville
06/25/1992	1520	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	Indian Bayou
06/25/1992	1430	F1	0	30	0	0	\$2,500	Leleux
06/25/1992	1410	F0	0	30	0	0	\$0	2 N Gueydan
03/05/1992	0750	F0	0.1	15	0	0	\$0	Forked Island
03/01/1991	0700	F1	0.5	75	0	1	\$25,000	Kaplan
05/21/1988	0740	F0	0.25	30	0	0	\$0	Nunez
05/21/1988	0725	F0	0.25	30	0	0	\$250,000	Maurice
11/16/1987	1300	F0	0.75	50	0	0	\$250,000	Abbeville
11/24/1983	0200	F1	1	50	0	0	\$250,000	Abbeville Airport
01/31/1983	2110	F3	5	100	1	0	\$250,000	3 SW Leleux - 2 NE Leleux?
01/31/1983	2105	F1	0.5	10	0	0	\$2,500	Kaplan
01/31/1983	2100	F1	0.5	10	0	0	\$2,500	Kaplan
05/07/1982	0525	F2	5	100	0	0	\$2,500	1 NE Intracoastal City - 1 S Henry
11/27/1977	1630	F0	0	10	0	0	\$2,500	Gueydan
11/08/1977	1650	F2	1	25	0	1	\$250,000	3 S Gueydan
06/06/1977	1545	F1	2	50	0	0	\$25,000	2 E Meaux - 2 N Abbeville
01/07/1975	1532	F1	0.5	30	0	1	\$25,000	White Lake - Little Prairie
09/08/1974	0900	F1	0	10	0	1	\$2,500	Kaplan
10/31/1973	0300	F1	2	50	0	0	\$25,000	S Abbeville
09/12/1973	1615	F1	5	50	0	4	\$25,000	Delcambre
07/23/1973	1112	F0	1	25	0	0	\$0	20 SW Lafayette
12/25/1969	0430	F3	1.5	100	1	8	\$250,000	1 E Kaplan
05/21/1967	0545	F1	1	50	0	0	\$2,500	1 W Kaplan
05/01/1967	2240	F2	2	50	0	4	\$250,000	Kaplan
07/03/1966	1415	F1	0	30	0	0	\$2,500	1 E Kaplan
08/14/1964	1530	F0	2	30	0	0	\$0	10 S Kaplan
08/14/1964	1458	F0	1	30	0	0	\$0	3 S Kaplan
11/05/1963	1715	F1	1	30	0	1	\$250	5 W Gueydan
09/14/1962	1213	F0	1	30	0	0	\$0	4 SW Pecan Island
06/29/1962	1305	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 NW White Lake (45 SE Lake Charles)
09/10/1961	1812	F1	1	100	0	0	\$25,000	8 S Gueydan
09/10/1961	1809	F1	2	100	0	0	\$25,000	3 ENE Intracoastal City
09/10/1961	1650	F3	5	300	1	55	\$1,000,000	2 SE Kaplan - 3 NW Kaplan
04/29/1960	1800	F1	8	500	0	0	\$25,000	5 W Abbeville - 4 NE Abbeville
06/14/1959	1600	F1	10	500	0	2	\$30,000	Nunez - 5 NE Abbeville
04/04/1952	0300	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	Perry

04/04/1952	0245	F1	1	50	0	1	\$25,000	3.5 S Kaplan
03/12/1947	2030	F2	8	50	2	2	\$100,000	1 S Kaplan - 1 W Abbeville
05/13/1946	0930	F1	3	50	0	3	?	Esther
11/07/1943	0100	F3	3	500	3	20	\$50,000	Maurice
04/19/1934	0800	F2	4	50	1	4	?	2 SE Lyons Point - 5 NW Kaplan
03/24/1902	2345	F2	5	100	3	12	?	12 S Crowley
01/25/1895	0830	F2	5	50	1	5	?	4 WNW Gueydan - 4 N Gueydan
				TOTALS	13 Deaths	126 Injuries	\$5,340,250 Damage	67 Tornadoes



#### March 7, 1995

A tornado was reported by State Police in Abbeville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### January 6, 1995

A tornado touched down briefly downing several trees west of Abbeville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### May 28, 1994

A tornado touched down west of Maurice overturning a mobile home, and causing roof damage to other houses. The two occupants of the mobile home escaped injury. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### November 1, 1992

A line of thunderstorms moving east-northeast at 30 mph produced a brief tornado damaged a utility building and part of a school a few miles east of Abbeville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### June 25, 1992

A small tornado was observed by the Acadia and Vermilion Sheriff's Offices in open country moving east-northeast along a path that began 2 miles north of Gueydan in Vermilion Parish then crossed briefly into Acadia Parish near Lyons Point before entering Vermilion Parish again and damaging the roof of a building near Indian Bayou before dissipating. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### March 5, 1992

A small tornado was spotted in Forked Island. There was no damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### March 1, 1991

A tornado touched down near Kaplan, causing a minor injury to a man as the mobile home he was in was overturned and destroyed. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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**May 21, 1988**

A brief tornado touched down near Nunez. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 21, 1988**

At Maurice, a tornado destroyed a mobile home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 16, 1987**

A tornado at Abbeville damaged 2 mobile homes and took the roof off a commercial building. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 24, 1983**

A small tornado struck the airport at Abbeville destroying several airplanes. In addition, other wind damage was reported to automobiles, trees, power lines, and several mobile homes. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 31, 1983**

A tornado moved northeastward for several miles striking the community of Leleux. One residence was destroyed killing one woman. Two other dwellings sustained major damage. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 31, 1983**

A tornadic thunderstorm passed over the city of Kaplan with at least 2 tornadoes being observed. This second tornado inflicted minor damage in Kaplan. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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A tornadic thunderstorm passed over the city of Kaplan with at least 2 tornadoes being observed. This first tornado inflicted minor damage in Kaplan. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**May 7, 1982**

A tornado destroyed several barns as well as other outbuildings along a five mile long path between Intercoastal City and Henry. In its initial stages it is likely this was a waterspout. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 27, 1977**

Tornado touched down in Gueydan area, damaging one house and some outbuildings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 8, 1977**

A tornado cut a mile-long path, three miles south of Gueydan on Highway 91, where six homes, three trailers, farm buildings, boats and utility lines were destroyed. A tractor trailer was overturned on Highway 14. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**June 6, 1977**

Storm in Lafayette Parish moved south into Vermilion Parish, and hail of 3/4 inch occurred near Maurice. Tornado touched down east of Meaux where one trailer house was demolished, and another blown off its blocks. Another house trailer was turned over and two telephone poles snapped off two miles north of Abbeville. Funnel cloud sighted about five miles north of Intracoastal City about 4:30 PM CST. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**January 7, 1975**

A tornado skipped across White Lake and hit the Union Oil Co. dock at Little Prairie on the northeast shore. A large tank was picked up and dropped on a tub causing it to capsize. A dockhand, Danny



Gaspard, was injured and was carried to a hospital. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 8, 1974**

A tornado occurred in Kaplan about 9 AM. One woman was injured when her house was wrecked. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Carmen. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 31, 1973**

Tornado touched down several times as it moved eastward across the southern portions of Abbeville. Several homes and businesses received moderate damage. One witness reported that it looked as if the walls of her house were being "sucked out" as the twister passed nearby. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**September 12, 1973**

Tornado destroyed mobile home at Delcambre, slightly injuring four persons. Twister then skipped across town, ripping parts of roofs from several residences and doing moderate damage to shrimp boats. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 23, 1973**

Small tornado reported by pilot about 20 miles southwest of Lafayette. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 25, 1969**

Tornado swept through block-wide path on outskirts of Kaplan. One woman was killed, and 8 person injured - 3 seriously enough to require hospitalization. Eight homes destroyed and 25 homes damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 21, 1967**

Second tornado this month at Kaplan unroofed buildings at lumber yard and repair shop and damaged house trailer. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 1, 1967**

Damaged 30 homes and five businesses at Kaplan. Moved in from south with damage to rice warehouse, skipped over most of downtown, touched down again with damage to businesses and residences in northern part of town. Power lines and telephone cables damaged. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**July 3, 1966**

A small tornado occurred at Kaplan. A man saw a cloud, which looked like a dark waterspout, touch down momentarily, go up, and then disappear. Two-car frame garage was carried over neighbor's outbuilding, then dropped, with minor damage in neighborhood to several other garages and outbuildings. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 14, 1964**

Sheriff reported two funnel clouds, one of which touched down about 10 miles south of Kaplan. It moved from south to north from 3:30 PM - 3:35 PM, then lifted. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**August 14, 1964**

Pilot reported a tornado 52 miles east-southeast of Lake Charles in the Kaplan area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 5, 1963**

Moving from south to north, one funnel, illuminated by lightning, touched ground 600 feet from an oil rig in the West Gueydan-Klondike Oil Field. It did minor damage. One diamond bit operator, to avoid being sucked up by tornado winds, grabbed a steam pipe and received minor hand burns. (*NWS Storm*

being sucked up, twisted wires, grassed steam pipe and several other items. (NWS Storm Data)

**September 14, 1962**

48 miles southeast of Lake Charles, pilot reported tornado frequently touched marsh land and open pasture. (NWS Storm Data)

**June 29, 1962**

Tornado touched ground for a few minutes in open country near White Lake, 45 miles southeast of Lake Charles. (NWS Storm Data)

**September 10, 1961**

Touched ground briefly in sparsely settled area south of Gueydan, and moved northwest. (NWS Storm Data)

**September 10, 1961**

Touched down in sparsely settled area near Intracoastal City, and moved northwest. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Carla. (NWS Storm Data)

**September 10, 1961**

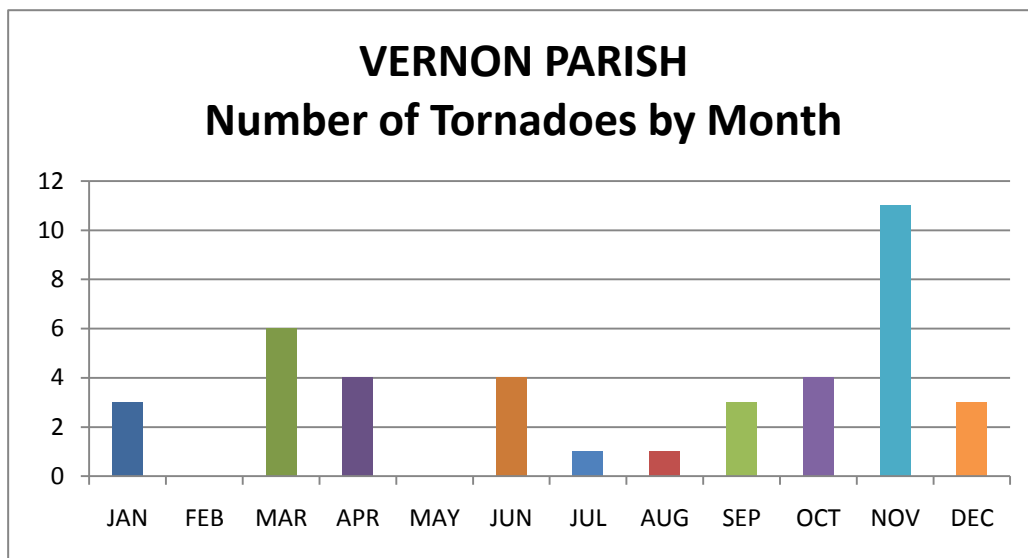
Moved from two miles southeast of town through 27 blocks of town. Destroyed 21 homes and heavily damaged 55 homes. This tornado was spawned by Hurricane Carla. (NWS Storm Data)

**April 29, 1960**

Skipped northeast from 10 miles south of Abbeville to south of St. Martinville. Heaviest damage near New Iberia at Naval Air Station Facility. High winds also caused damage in Abbeville, Kaplan, and Loreauville. (NWS Storm Data)

## Vernon Parish Tornadoes (1800-Present)

Date	Time	Rank	Path (mi)	Width (yds)	Deaths	Injuries	Damage	Location
09/12/2008	1610	EF0	1	10	0	0	\$0	3 SE Slagle
09/12/2008	1606	EF0	1	10	0	0	\$0	4 SW Lacamp
10/16/2006	1010	F0	0	10	0	0	\$0	1 NE Pitkin
11/23/2004	1920	F1	3	50	0	0	\$50,000	Fort Polk
11/23/2004	1850	F1	14	150	0	0	\$100,000	Burr Ferry - 8 SW Leesville
11/23/2004	1835	F2	10	600	0	3	\$500,000	5 WNW Simpson - 2 NE Hutton
11/23/2004	1808	F1	1	100	0	0	\$200,000	S Leesville
11/23/2004	1743	F1	6	300	0	0	\$250,000	4 W Evans - 3 NE Evans
11/26/2003	2215	F1	2	50	0	0	\$50,000	7 SW Cravens - 5 SW Cravens
12/12/2001	1118	F1	2	20	0	0	\$50,000	2 SW Rosepine - Rosepine
10/11/2001	1010	F0	1	10	0	0	\$5,000	3 S Anacoco
03/10/2000	1653	F0	1	20	0	0	\$1,000	10 W Fort Polk - 9 WNW Fort Polk
01/22/1999	1040	F0	1	10	0	0	\$25,000	Evans
10/06/1998	0921	F0	1	10	0	0	\$10,000	Fort Polk
01/27/1995	1630	F0	0	20	0	0	\$0	Leesville
11/27/1994	1645	F1	0.5	50	0	0	\$15,000	Burr Ferry
11/21/1992	1912	F2	6	150	0	0	\$25,000	Slagle - 6 NE Slagle
06/03/1992	1500	F1	s19	50	0	0	\$2,500	1 N Rosepine - Pitkin
06/03/1992	1445	F1	0	20	0	0	\$2,500	5 S Leesville
11/19/1991	0815	F1	0.3	20	0	1	\$250,000	Fort Polk
07/04/1991	1500	F0	0.5	18	0	0	\$2,500	Leesville
04/11/1991	0905	F1	0.5	50	0	0	\$2,500	2 W Rosepine
03/29/1990	1340	F1	0.5	30	0	0	\$25,000	Sandy Hill
06/07/1989	2055	F1	0.5	30	0	0	\$250,000	13 W Anacoco
06/07/1989	1800	F1	2	40	0	0	\$250,000	6 NW Leesville
03/29/1989	0322	F1	1	35	0	0	\$25,000	Anacoco
12/22/1988	2035	F1	1	50	0	1	\$200,000	Rosepine
11/26/1978	1100	F1	0.5	25	0	0	\$25,000	4 NW Rosepine
09/14/1978	0545	F1	s5	75	0	2	\$275,000	5 SE Toledo Bend Dam - 10 W Anacoco
03/30/1976	1445	F2	s18	75	0	2	\$275,000	2 NNW Anacoco - 6 ENE Kurthwood
03/30/1976	1440	F2	s5	50	0	0	\$250,000	Hornbeck - 4 SW Eagle Hill
01/25/1976	1130	F1	0	10	0	1	\$25,000	5 SW Leesville
04/29/1975	2230	F2	15	50	2	8	\$275,000	5 E Rosepine - Pitkin
10/28/1974	1930	F2	0	100	0	12	\$250,000	New Llano
08/03/1974	1730	F0	0.25	25	0	1	\$25,000	Cravens
11/07/1957	2035	F1	1	50	0	0	\$25,000	2 W Leesville
12/03/1953	0430	F4	18	300	7	20	\$50,000	Cravens - 1 ENE Leander
03/22/1953	1500	F1	s22	200	0	0	\$200,000	N Fort Polk - 2 NNE Hutton
04/01/1945	0500	F2	2	150	4	8	?	Caney
03/26/1934	0330	F?	0.25	17	0	0	?	Pitkin
04/05/1907	?	F?	?	?	1	?	?	Rosepine
TOTALS					14 Deaths	59 Injuries	\$3,966,000 Damage	41 Tornadoes



#### **January 27, 1995**

A tornado touched down briefly in Leesville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 27, 1994**

A tornado touched down destroying a mobile home. Fortunately, the mobile home was unoccupied and no injuries occurred. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 21, 1992**

A tornado blew a mobile home onto a van in the Slagle area while uprooting many trees around 7:12 PM CST. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **June 3, 1992**

An unusually strong upper-level trough spawned a small tornado north of Rosepine that moved to near Pitkin. Trees and power lines were blown down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

*Author's note: It is more likely that several tornadoes occurred along this path, rather than one long track tornado. Further research is required to determine the number of tornadoes that occurred. (Shamburger 2009)*

#### **June 3, 1992**

An unusually strong upper-level trough spawned a small tornado 5 miles south of Leesville. Trees and power lines were blown down. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **November 19, 1991**

A small tornado damaged a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter and injured a soldier at the Rosepine training area. Eight AH64 Apache and four AH1 Cobra helicopters that were tied down had their rotors, masts, and hubs damaged by the tornado at the Fort Polk Army Airfield. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **July 4, 1991**

A small tornado destroyed a business sign, blew out some windows from a store, knocked down a gas station's awning, and tore some shingles off some roofs in Leesville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

#### **April 11, 1991**

A tornado touched down briefly near Rosepine damaging a barn and uprooting several trees. (*NWS Storm Data*)

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**March 29, 1990**

A tornado touched down in the community of Sandy Hill, causing minor damage to house roofs, storefront windows, and several automobiles. (NWS Storm Data)

**June 7, 1989**

A tornado touched down west of Anacoco, near Toledo Bend Dam, damaging a total of 20 mobile homes and trailers. (NWS Storm Data)

**June 7, 1989**

A tornado touched down in the vicinity of Lake Vernon. Three mobile homes were overturned and 21 other houses and mobile homes had wind damage. (NWS Storm Data)

**March 29, 1989**

A mobile home was blown over by a tornado and numerous trees and power lines were damaged in Anacoco. (NWS Storm Data)

**December 22, 1988**

A tornado struck the community of Rosepine damaging 30 homes and businesses, with 3 houses and 1 business destroyed. One minor injury was reported. Damage was estimated around \$200,000. (NWS Storm Data)

**November 26, 1978**

A small twister scattered a garage in small pieces, unroofed a house, and damaged trailers 4 miles northwest of Rosepine. Many trees had tops snapped off. Wind damage from the same storm occurred later northeast of Rosepine on Bailey Road. (NWS Storm Data)

**September 14, 1978**

Damage extended from about 5 miles southeast of Toledo Bend Dam, across LA Highway 111 to about 10 miles west of Anacoco. Two men were injured at Goins Service Station when the roof was ripped away. Two mobile homes were knocked off foundations, several barns were destroyed, cars and tractors were damaged by falling debris, and a grocery damaged. Extensive tree damage occurred along a narrow path that skipped and jumped for about five miles through the forest. (NWS Storm Data)

**March 30, 1976**

In the same squall line as the previous tornado, another tornado skipped along a lengthy path beginning between Hornbeck and Anacoco where Mrs. Donald Moore was injured when her mobile homes was overturned. Six-year old Bryan Allen received cuts on his forehead and right leg about the same time. Extensive roof and tree damage was reported in the Kurthwood and Hutton areas as the tornado continued to skip along its east-northeast track. The tornado then moved into Natchitoches Parish. (NWS Storm Data)

**March 30, 1976**

A tornado dropped to the ground a number of times as a severe thunderstorm that was part of a squall line moved through central Louisiana. Initial touchdown was at Hornbeck where the ground was covered by hail. Four homes were badly damaged and many trees and power lines felled. The tornado then moved into Sabine Parish. (NWS Storm Data)

**January 25, 1976**

State Police reported small tornado overturned a trailer and slightly injured a small child, unroofed a home and blew away a porch about 5-6 miles southwest of Leesville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 29, 1975**

A tornado smashed through several trailer homes about five miles east of Rosepine, killing Mrs. Lois James and seriously injuring Leonard James. Seven injuries were minor. Approximately 40 million board feet of timber were felled in the Kisatchie National Forest. Miss Michele Thompson, 12, was killed at Pitkin when a large tree was uprooted, hurled through the air and slammed through the roof of her frame home. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**October 28, 1974**

*No information on this tornado in records.*

**August 3, 1974**

Two houses were destroyed and two trailers overturned in Cravens. Small boy received a bump on the head. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**November 7, 1957**

3 buildings were destroyed 2 miles west of Leesville. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**December 3, 1953**

Moved northeast from northwest of Fullerton, through Leander, to west of Hineston, east of Paradise, to northeast of Ball. There were seven deaths in four homes that were leveled at Leander. Twenty homes were damaged or destroyed in the Kingsville area. Four people were injured east of Paradise. There was \$250,000 damage at Camp Beauregard. Twenty-three of the injuries were in house trailers. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Originating near Cravens in Vernon Parish, this tornado moved through the Leander, Lacamp, and Hineston area, then north of Alexandria, and through Paradise. Numerous homes and buildings destroyed or damaged, much timber destroyed, and stored crops damaged. High winds accompanied the tornado on both sides over an area 20 miles wide. Rain excessive over all of the area. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**March 22, 1953**

A family of small tornadoes occasionally touched down as a storm system passed diagonally to the northeast across the entire state of Louisiana, from Vernon Parish to East Carroll Parish. Separating the downburst from the tornado damage is not possible. The two reported deaths were not from the tornadoes. The entire storm system caused \$1,000,000 damage. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

Developed around Fort Polk and Leesville in Vernon Parish, then moved northeast into Natchitoches Parish. (*NWS Storm Data*)

**April 1, 1945**

Moved northeast, killing four people in tenant homes at Caney, 7 miles west of Leesville. (*Grazulis 1993 - Significant Tornadoes*)

**April 5, 1907**

"Jackson Cooper was born on May 25, 1831 in Dale County. AL. He died on August 23, 1862 at Mississippi Springs, MS while on active duty with the Confederate States America. He married Rhoda

Elizabeth Cryer born 1855 in Sabine Parish, LA. Rhoda was born on February 17, 1841 in Sabine Parish, LA and died April 05, 1907. Rhoda married a second time to Richard A. Fletcher and had many children. She was killed in Rosepine, LA in 1907 when a ferocious tornado struck the home of her son, Jefferson C. Cooper, whom she was living with." (*Ron Thompson, arkansas.net*)